



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

November 17, 2022

MR. NOAH SCHEER
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1571867-000
Subject: WIGGINS, FORREST O.

Dear Mr. Scheer:

The FBI has completed its search for records subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed 212 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released. Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☒ In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.
- ☐ Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit, 200 Constitution Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, or by fax to (540) 868-4997**. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**
- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001

- ☐ Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above.
- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code,

Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.



Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.



Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **"Part 1"** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **"Part 2"** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **"Part 3"** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that "unusual circumstances" may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These "unusual circumstances" will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of "unusual circumstances" is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosure(s)

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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Bureau File

61-25362-1

August 19, 1943

PERSONAL AND ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
VIA DIPLOMATIC AIR POUCH

DECLASSIFIED BY 2477/04
ON 60250 AUG 15 1996

SIS 728

Re: Forrest Higgins
Haiti Subversive Activities - H

Dear Sir:

Information has been received from a reliable, confidential source in Jamaica that local authorities in Jamaica have received the following derogatory information concerning subject.

It is reported that Forrest Higgins, an American Negro resident of Cape Haitien, is an active anti-White and anti-British propagandist. It is also reported that Higgins holds a Ph.D. Degree and was sent to Cape Haitien by the United States Department of Cultural Relations. It is also reported that Higgins is teaching at the local Lycee. He is popular among the Haitians and his popularity and position assist in the spreading of propaganda. It is further stated that subject's influence is especially strong among the educated youth of the town and he is

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Acers _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Mumford _____
Mr. Starke _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

It is requested that an investigation be conducted to ascertain the present whereabouts, sympathies and activities of subject, particularly in regard to the allegation that he is engaged in anti-White and anti-British propaganda activities.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SAC, St. Paul

September 2, 1949

Director, FBI

MR. FOREST O. WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C
Your file 100-6456
Bureau file 64-25342

Reurlet dated August 1, 1949. Authority is granted to two sources of public record, reliable sources of information and established contacts provided none of these are connected with the University of Minnesota, with the exception of the Registrar's Office which may be contacted pursuant to SAC Letter 124, Series 1948.

It will be necessary for you to obtain prior Bureau authority before interviewing any student, faculty member or employee of the University of Minnesota, with the above exception. In requesting such authority you should furnish to the Bureau the name, position and information regarding the reliability and discretion of each person whom you desire to interview.

In all cases involving colleges and universities together with your request for authority to conduct investigations, it should furnish substantial information why such investigations are necessary, such as you have done in this case.

Transmitted herewith for your information is a copy of a report furnished to the Bureau by a confidential foreign source on August 26, 1943, concerning the above-captioned subject. In reporting information furnished by this source it should be paraphrased to protect this source's identity.

Enclosure

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Mr. Rosen _____
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Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Tele. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 1, 1949

FROM : SAC, St. Paul

SUBJECT: DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

The above captioned is becoming more and more active in the affairs of the Communist Party. There is reason to believe that he is currently a member of the Professional Group of the CP. Recently he attended the Bill of Rights Conference in New York City, and it was learned through Confidential Informant

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The subject is a professor of philosophy at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is colored.

Bureau authorization is requested to conduct an investigation of the Communist activity of the subject in order that a Security Index Card can be recommended. It is believed that the subject is potentially dangerous to the internal security.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAINT PAUL**

FILE NO. 100-21326

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/21, 29/49	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 30px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">b7C G</div>
TITLE CHANGED DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS, wa FORREST ORAN WIGGINS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Passport No. 766479 was issued 2/15/43 to FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, born 8/12/07 at Vincennes, Indiana, for travel to Haiti for the purpose of teaching. Subject was previously issued passport No. 511528 on 3/21/28 for travel to England, France, Switzerland, and Italy for the purpose of pleasure and sightseeing. Details set out.

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REFERENCE: St. Paul letter dated September 14, 1949

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The title of this report has been marked Changed to add the name FORREST ORAN WIGGINS as reflected for the subject in the records of the Passport Division, Department of State.

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect that Passport No. 766479 was issued February 15, 1943, to FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, born August 12, 1907, at Vincennes, Indiana, for proposed travel to Haiti for the purpose of teaching. Application for this passport reflects subject's permanent residence as 1510 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina. Subject indicated that he intended to remain abroad for approximately one year, and that he previously resided in France from May, 1928, to August, 1929. An

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affidavit of identifying witness was executed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] known WIGGINS [REDACTED] Correspondence in file indicates subject was selected to be a teacher in the national schools of Haiti for the period January to August, 1943, by the United States Office of Education. b7C

WIGGINS registered before the United States Consul at Port-au-Prince, Haiti on February 22 1943. Application for registration reflects [REDACTED] b7C

On August 14, 1943, this passport was extended for six months at Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

This file further discloses that subject was issued Passport No. 511528 on March 21, 1928, for proposed travel to England, France, Switzerland, and Italy for the purpose of pleasure and sightseeing. Affidavit for identifying witness for this passport [REDACTED] b7C

WIGGINS described himself as follows:

Height:	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Marks:	Two small scars on center of forehead
Occupation:	Teacher

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**

MPLS FILE NO. **100-6856**

REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE 12/7/49	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/13; 11/25, 30/49	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="text-align: right;">b7C FKB</div>
TITLE DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS, wa. Forrest Oran Wiggins			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject, native born, resides 2643 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., and is employed as full-time instructor in Philosophy Dept., U. of Minn. While teaching in Haiti in 1943 subject was considered anti-white and anti-British. He has spoken at functions sponsored by AYD and CP. He does not want to be readily identified with CP for fear of losing effectiveness in teaching. He has been in contact <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></div></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 550px; height: 40px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">b7C</div>			
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<p>REFERENCE: Bureau File 64-25362</p> <p>DETAILS: The Vincennes, Indiana, birth records maintained in the office <div style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></div> reflect that on August 12, 1907, a male colored child, first name not given, was born to CHARLES and MINNIE (COSBY) WIGGINS. These records reflect that this is the first child in the family, and that the mother, age 17, was born in Indiana, while the father, a barber by occupation, age 22, was born in Indiana.</p> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">b7C</p> <p>The subject resides at 2643 Stevens Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is an instructor at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the Department of Philosophy. The records of the University of Minnesota reflect that subject was born August 13, 1907, at Vincennes, Indiana. He was formerly employed by</p>			
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<p>5 - Bureau</p> <p>3 - Minneapolis</p> <p>CHAS. J. SANCHEZ</p> <p>NOV 20 1961</p>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; position: relative;"> <div style="position: absolute; top: 0; right: 0; font-size: 2em;">4</div> <div style="position: absolute; bottom: 0; left: 0; width: 100%; height: 100%; background: linear-gradient(to bottom right, transparent 49%, black 49%, black 51%, transparent 51%);"></div> </div>	

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Johnson-Smith University, Howard University, North Carolina College For Negroes, and Louisville Municipal College as associate professor of romance languages. Prior to June, 1940, subject's residence was indicated as 6044 St. Lawrence, Chicago, Illinois. He was appointed as a full-time instructor at the University of Minnesota in the Department of Philosophy on September 16, 1946. The University records further indicate that he was a student in France in 1928 and 1929.

Minneapolis [] a reliable informant, advised that [] the subject was [] to be the main speaker at a membership meeting of the Civil Rights Congress in Minneapolis. According to the informant, []

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The informant further related that the subject was []

Minneapolis [] a reliable informant, advised that the subject attended a pre-convention meeting in Minneapolis [] According to the informant, []

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Minneapolis [] a reliable informant, advised that the subject attended a meeting of the Minnesota Centennial Celebration sponsored by the magazine, "Masses and Mainstream," and the Civil Rights Congress. This meeting was held at the Labor Lyceum in Minneapolis, and according to the informant, most of the people in attendance were known Communists.

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Minneapolis [] a reliable informant, advised that the subject, [] agreed to take part in an "International Outing." This group was to be made up of graduates and undergraduates from the University of Minnesota who represented foreign countries. The informant related that the subject suggested []

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Minneapolis [] a reliable informant, advised that the subject []

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[] advised that the subject spoke at a Progressive Party class, explaining that the heads of big industries run our Government, colleges, universities, churches, and the minds of the people. He stated that the colored people are []

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being exploited. Informant noted [redacted]

[redacted] related that the subject was contacted by [redacted]

[redacted] wanted the subject to be a guest speaker at a Communist Party function at the Phyllis Wheatley House in Minneapolis. According to the informant, subject stated that he did not want to be identified with the Communist Party because he thought he might lose his effectiveness in teaching. On the other hand, however, the informant related that the subject

[redacted] The subject then stated that he was not worried about left wing affiliations. The subject further stated that he could do a lot of good at the University if he kept his nose clean so that he could not be smeared. b2 b7D

According to Minneapolis [redacted] a reliable informant, the subject has made a great show of his race and has made several speeches, which might be considered "considerably left of center." He was an ardent supporter of WALLACE, and according to informant, has been a constant companion of members of the American Youth For Democracy on the University campus. b2 b7D

Minneapolis [redacted] a reliable informant. [redacted]

[redacted] An article appearing in the St. Paul "Sunday Pioneer Press" August 10, 1947, related that this Minnesota chapter had voted to affiliate with the Independent Voters of Minnesota. According to [redacted] the latter organizations is dominated by the Communist Party. The news article further related that the subject was a member of the Council of the Independent Voters of Minnesota, along with SYD FOSSUM, a Communist Party member, and Dr. SAMUEL CORSON, reported by the informant as at least a Communist sympathizer. b2 b7D

An article appearing in "Minnesota Labor," CIO publication on January 23, 1948, listed the subject as a speaker at the Ramsey County Convention of the DFL Clubs on January 25, 1948. The convention call for this meeting was signed by such known Communists as [redacted] These men, who signed the convention call, have been identified as Communist Party members. b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] reported that the subject spoke at an AYD-sponsored rally to oppose military training on [redacted] at Minneapolis, Minnesota. His topic was "A Philosopher Looks at UMT." According to the informant, [redacted] appeared on this program. b2 b7D

Mpls File #100-6856

[redacted] a reliable informant, advised that the subject's name and address appeared on an unidentified list in the library book shop in 1948. This book shop is a Communist book store located at 240 [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota. b2 b7D

An article appearing in the "Minnesota Daily," official publication of the University of Minnesota, on April 17, 1948, reported on a Students-For-Wallace Anti-Military Training Rally held on the campus on April 16, 1948. The article relates that WIGGINS said the world is "again on the brink of Fascism," which he described as a government run by monopolists and militarists. The subject was observed at this rally by the writer and Special Agent [redacted] b7C
[redacted] These agents noted that the subject's theme in his speech was that Capitalism was decadent and that support of the liberal Wallace movement was the only solution for the ills of the world.

Confidential informant Minneapolis [redacted] a reliable informant, advised that in [redacted] described by the informant as a Communist Party member b2 b7D

[redacted] Minneapolis [redacted] a reliable informant, reported that [redacted] identified by the informant as a member of the Communist Party [redacted] b2
"Daily Worker" and "The Worker," invited the subject to give a speech at the Communist Party-sponsored Fair Employment Practices Committee Celebration to be held [redacted] b7D b7C

The June 3, 1948, issue of the "Minnesota Daily" printed a letter to the editor signed by the subject, in which he expressed opposition to the Mundt-Nixon Bill.

According to Minneapolis [redacted] a reliable informant, the subject notified [redacted] [redacted] b2 b7D

[redacted] reported that the subject [redacted] b7C
in Minneapolis [redacted] b2
These latter individuals have been identified by the informant as members of the Communist Party. b7D

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[REDACTED]

(S) It was also reported [REDACTED] that subject's students had a bitter anti-white feeling, and [REDACTED] that the source of this agitation was WIGGINS. To illustrate the depth of anti-white feeling, it was pointed out that a pageant given by the students portrayed the origin of the Haitian flag and the elimination of the white portion of the flag when the country became independent. During this portrayal, the eradication of the white portion of the flag was enacted by the students, who stamped the white portion into the dust with their feet.

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(S) It was reported [REDACTED] that rumors in Haiti had it that the subject [REDACTED]

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(S) [REDACTED] the subject is an intellectual, materialistic and a convinced Communist; however, it was not known whether or not he is actually a member of the Communist Party. It was reported that the subject continually praised Communist ideals and political philosophy while in Haiti.

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(S) [REDACTED] there was no indication that the subject, while in Haiti, had supplied anti-United States propaganda or anti-United Nations propaganda.

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[REDACTED] a reliable informant, advised that the subject subscribed to the publication "Political Affairs" in 1949.

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The following is a description of the subject obtained from various public records:

Born
Height
Weight
Hair
Complexion
Eyes
Race

August 12, 1907, Vincennes, Indiana
5' 10½"
170 lbs.
Black
Dark brown
Brown
Negro

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~~SECRET~~

~~Marital Status~~

Scars and Marks

Residence

Employment

~~Marital Status~~

Two small scars center forehead

2643 Stevens Ave. So., Minneapolis

Instructor in Philosophy,
University of Minnesota

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SAC, Minneapolis

July 25, 1951

Director, FBI

DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS, wa.

Forrest Oran Wiggins

SECURITY MATTER - C

Your file 100-6853

Bureau file 64-25362

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Reference is made to the report of SA [redacted] dated June 19, 1951, at Minneapolis, and to the FD-122 Form submitted by your office recommending the preparation of a Security Index card on captioned individual.

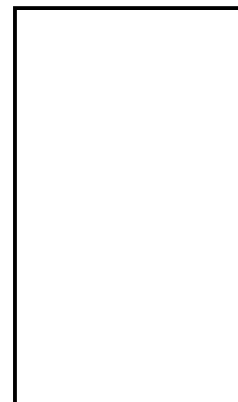
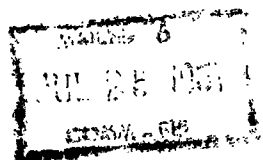
Your attention is called to the fact that the FD-122 as submitted by your office in this matter is incomplete. It contained neither the sex nor the race of the individual. A review of the file at the Bureau has ascertained the race and sex of this individual. In paragraph 4, page 2, of reference report it appears that this paragraph is not properly paraphrased. You should revise the wording in order to more adequately cover the identity of [redacted]. It appears inadvisable to report as such that the subject made a direct statement to the informant. b2 b7D

This report will not be disseminated until the corrected page is submitted to the Bureau.

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Alden _____
Belmont _____
Laughlin _____
Mohr _____
Tele. Room _____
Nease _____
Gandy _____



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **MINNEAPOLIS**

MPLS FILE NO. **100-6856**

REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	DATE WHEN MADE 6/19/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/1,4,7,12-14,16/51	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="text-align: right;">b7C bn FKE</div>
TITLE DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS, wa. Forrest Oran Wiggins			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. FORREST O. WIGGINS resides 631 East 17th Street, Minneapolis, Minn., and is still employed as an instructor in Dept. of Philosophy, U. of Minn. Informant advises subject is member of CP. Subject's activities in CP, SWP, CRC, Minn. Progressive Party, Minnesotans For Peace, and Committee For Peaceful Alternatives set out.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Minneapolis Credit Bureau, 600 Palace Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota, advised on June 7, 1951, that Dr. FORREST O. WIGGINS resides with his wife, at 631 East 17th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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B. Employment

further advised subject is still employed as an instructor in the Philosophy Department at the University of Minnesota.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY

Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, on [redacted] [redacted] advised that he had learned [redacted] that subject is a member of the Communist Party.

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Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, on [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] old informant [redacted]

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Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised that [redacted]

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Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, [redacted] advised subject had contacted [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant advised that [redacted] would [redacted] Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, [redacted] advised [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a Communist Party member [redacted]

[redacted] advised that subject's name appeared among a group of names maintained in the Library Book Shop, a Communist Party book store in Minneapolis [redacted] Informant was unable to state the reason for subject's name being contained in the Library Book Shop.

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III. IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

The following represents a comparison of statements made by the subject and the Communist Party line as announced in articles contained in "Political Affairs," a monthly publication which has been cited by the House Un-American Activities Committee as an official Communist Party theoretical organ.

The "Minnesota Daily," official University of Minnesota newspaper, on November 2, 1950, reported that subject gave a talk at the University on November 1, 1950, at which time he stated,

"Americans are dying in Korea for a set of conditions they would not tolerate in the United States.....The basis of the trouble today lies in the Capitalistic system in that it no longer serves the best interests of the majority of the people. Big money interests have gained control of the nation.....Since periods of war or threats of war always coincide with periods of prosperity in the United States, it seems there is some sort of connection between Capitalism and war."

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An article in "Political Affairs" October, 1950, Pages 1 and 2, stated,

"We are going into the fourth month of unjust war, of criminal, imperialist aggression, which is being waged in the interests of Wall Street's monopolies and trusts, in the interests of the robber oil and tin magnates..... The heroic people of Korea are fighting and adding their blood in the common cause of all peoples of Asia, struggling for their national liberation.....One cannot render a greater service to our own people and to world peace than to demand the withdrawal of all American forces from the soil of Korea as well as from other foreign lands."

An article in "Political Affairs," October, 1950, Page 16, stated,

"The Capitalist class is going to follow a policy of making the working class, the farmers, and other strata of the middle class, pay for war preparations and war by a systematic reduction of their standard of living."

The "Minnesota Daily," on January 23, 1951, quoted subject as stating in a talk at the University of Minnesota on January 22, 1951,

"U.S. Capitalists and militarists are the only persons who want war."

Subject also announced,

"The present conflict in Korea is not between democracy and Communism but between Capitalism and Socialism."

Subject expressed these opinions in the first of a series of four talks by individual speakers on "Conflict in the Social Order" sponsored by fifteen University of Minnesota campus organizations.

An article in "Political Affairs," Page 12, September, 1950, stated,

"The Wall Street monopolies are preparing a war to conquer the world. This means to subjugate to the American monopolies the economic life of the world as well as to subjugate it politically and militarily. To achieve economic domination, the Wall Street monopolies are building up tremendous accumulations of capital for export. They propose to build up gigantic reserves of goods with which to bribe the ruling classes of other capitalist countries in order to penetrate their economies and make them dependent upon American imperialism."

An article in "Political Affairs" March, 1950, Page 15, stated,

"The world is divided into two camps -- the pro-war and pro-Fascist camp of imperialism, headed by the ruling class of the United States, and the anti-imperialist camp of peace, democracy, and socialism, headed by the Soviet Union."

The "Minnesota Daily" on February 1, 1951, reported that on January 31, 1951, subject was one of the speakers at the final discussions of the lecture series, "Conflict in the Social Order." Subject, according to the paper, stated,

"Colonial peoples are tired of being saved from the Russian Bear, the German Kaiser, anarchy and chaos, Fascism, and even themselves. No matter what excuse was given, they inevitably found that they were saved for imperialism, and they want to save themselves from imperialist exploitation."

An article in "Political Affairs" December, 1950, Page 38, stated,

"The colonial peoples can no longer endure the destitution, despair, enslavement, and animal-like existence imposed upon them ever more ruthlessly by their Western imperialist oppressors. The mortally wounded imperialist beast, in the stage of its last agonizing throes, is today even more dangerous. Its murderous exploitation and oppression of these peoples have become outright genicidal. In their own self-defense, the colonial peoples are now moving from the stage of combating their oppression to that of securing their freedom with arms in hand."

Minneapolis Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised [] [] subject comment to the effect that there are only two possible societies in the world today -- capitalism or communism -- and communism will come out ahead in the coming struggle.

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An article in "Political Affairs" September, 1950, Page 2, stated,

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"The Communist Party of the United States is the party of socialism. This party is inspired and guided by the teachings of Marxism-Leninism. That is why we fight constantly and self-sacrificingly for the daily and immediate needs of the masses, and at the same time strive to educate and prepare them, first of all the working class, for the socialist revolution which will abolish capitalism and establish socialism."

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IV. ACTIVITY IN THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

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Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, on [redacted] advised that [redacted] informant [redacted]

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Informant advised [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that on that date [redacted] and other members of the Socialist Workers Party planned, [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] "Militant" subscription [redacted] Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, advised "The Militant" is a weekly newspaper staffed and sponsored by SWP members.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] Informant stated [redacted] advised that some of the comrades attended the program at which subject spoke on [redacted] and that they had distributed literature on that occasion. Informant advised that the literature distributed involved the sale of thirty-nine "Militants."

V. ACTIVITY IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS

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Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that subject attended a meeting in Minneapolis [redacted]

sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress. The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as a communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The informant stated the occasion was a run-of-the-mill Communist Party front meeting at which a large number of Communists were in attendance.

Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, [redacted] advised that subject, [redacted] attended a meeting sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress in Minneapolis. b2 b7D

VI. ACTIVITY IN THE MINNESOTA STATE PROGRESSIVE PARTY

[redacted] advised that subject attended a Minnesota State Progressive Party smorgasbord held [redacted] at CIO Hall in Minneapolis. [redacted] as advised that 50 per cent of the membership of the Minnesota State Progressive Party are members of the Communist Party, and the members of the DP who are also members of the Progressive Party dominate and control that Party entirely. [redacted] advised that at the meeting held [redacted] several CP members were present. b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] advised that subject attended a meeting [redacted] sponsored by the Progressive Party at the AFL Labor Temple in Minneapolis. [redacted] advised subject attended a Progressive Party Rally held [redacted] at the Labor Temple in Minneapolis. Subject acted as chairman, and according to informant, gave a talk on civil rights. b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] advised that subject attended the Third and Fifth District Conference of the Progressive Party [redacted] in Minneapolis and spoke on civil rights. b2 b7D

[redacted] advised that subject was a Minnesota delegate to the Second National Convention of the Progressive Party in Chicago on February 24, 1950, through February 26, 1950. Informant advised subject was nominated as a committee member of the Resolutions Committee, subject to convention approval. b2 b7D

The "Minneapolis Morning Tribune" on June 12, 1950, reported that subject was elected to the Minnesota State Progressive Party Convention in Minneapolis on June 11, 1950, as one of five new Vice-Chairmen of the Minnesota State Progressive Party. b2

[redacted] advised that subject attended a Minnesota State Progressive Party meeting [redacted] Informant stated subject [redacted] b2 b7D

[redacted] advised subject attended a conference of the Minnesota State Central Committee of the Progressive Party in the Labor Temple, Minneapolis, [redacted] Informant advised several members of the CP were present. b2 b7D

b2 [redacted] advised that [redacted] meeting of the Progressive
b7D Party [redacted] subject announced

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that subject was elected to serve as chairman
b2 of a permanent committee of the Statewide Conference for Peace called by the
b7D Progressive Party of Minnesota and held in Minneapolis. Informant advised sessions
of this conference were held [redacted]

[redacted] Informant stated subject attended [redacted]
[redacted]

b2 Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability, [redacted]
b7D advised that following the adjournment of the Statewide Conference For Peace held
[redacted] at Minneapolis, the newly-elected Organization and
Policy Committee elected subject as co-chairman.

b2 [redacted] advised that at a meeting held [redacted] under the
b7D auspices of the Progressive Party of Minnesota [redacted]
[redacted]

b2 [redacted] advised that subject spoke and acted as chairman of the
b7D meeting held under the auspices of the Progressive Party [redacted] in
Minneapolis. The tenor of the remarks, according to informant, was that the
United States was betraying Germany and that Germany will again become strong
when the Communist youth movement becomes completed.

b2 VII. ACTIVITY IN THE MINNESOTANS FOR PEACE

b7D [redacted] advised that at the session of the Peace Conference
called by the Progressive Party and held on [redacted]

[redacted] subject was elected as Chairman of the State Committee of
the Minnesotans For Peace. [redacted] advised that the Minnesotans
For Peace is an organization largely infiltrated with Communist Party members and
sympathizers, and is without doubt a CP-directed organization.

b2 [redacted] advised that subject attended a policy committee meeting
b7D of the Minnesotans For Peace [redacted] At this meeting plans were made
for a second State Peace Conference of the Minnesotans For Peace on [redacted]
[redacted] at Minneapolis.

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b7D advised that [redacted]
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VIII. ACTIVITY IN COMMITTEE FOR PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVES

[redacted] advised subject attended a meeting of the Committee For Peaceful Alternatives [redacted] in Minneapolis. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the Minnesota Committee For Peaceful Alternatives at that time had a membership of approximately 200, of which 60 were active. Of the 60 active members, approximately 15 are members of the Communist Party. [redacted] stated the Communists are not in control of the Committee but are in accord with its aims and objectives.

[redacted] advised the subject attended [redacted] a meeting of the Minnesota Committee for Peaceful Alternatives held in Minneapolis. Informant stated several Communist Party members were present.

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THE MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE

At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will, upon receipt of FD-122 from the Bureau, close this case.

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Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] a source of information of the Minneapolis Office [redacted] whose name is being protected [redacted]

Minneapolis Confidential Informant [redacted] who furnished information to Special Agent [redacted] on numerous occasions, including [redacted]

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITY

Minneapolis Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, []
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis

DATE: June 20, 1951

SUBJECT: DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS, wa.
Forrest Oran Wiggins
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(Bufile 64-25362)

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X It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota (Instructor in Philosophy)

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List)

RESIDENCE ADDRESS 631 East 17th Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 23, 1952

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (100-6856)

SUBJECT: FORREST O. WIGGINS, was.
SECURITY MATTER - C

Card U.T.D.
11-21-52

REGISTERED MAIL

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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Savannah Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Savannah Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: C/O C. A. JOHNSON, 13 miles from
Columbia, South Carolina, on Highway 21

Business Address: Allen University
Columbia, South Carolina

FBI STATISTICAL SECTION

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CARD PREPARED

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Check the following applicable statements:

X

This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
(The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The Savannah Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)

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This subject was tabbed for Detcom.

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This subject was tabbed for Comsab.

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This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.

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Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.

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A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

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Summary report to be submitted by December 1, 1952.

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cc: 2 - Savannah Division (Enc.) 2 (100-4211)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAVANNAH**

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT MINNEAPOLIS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/23/52	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/8, 12, 15/52	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <div style="text-align: right;">b7C mlm</div>
TITLE "CHANGED" FORREST ORAN WIGGINS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C; SECURITY MATTER - SWP

SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS:

Subject, formerly instructor at University of Minnesota from 9/46 to 6/52, now teaching at Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina. During period 1950-1952 subject had numerous contacts with CP and SWP leaders, made speeches which followed CP line, and took very active part in activities of Progressive Party of Minnesota and Minnesotans for Peace, both of which have been described as CP-directed groups. Has also attended meetings of CRC, Minneapolis Council for Peace and American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace. During subject's residence in Haiti in 1943, he was reported to have stirred up considerable anti-white feeling and to have praised CP ideals and political philosophy.

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DETAILS:

The title of this report is marked "changed" to show the correct title, previously set out incorrectly as "DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS, wa. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS"; the latter is subject's full and correct name. The title "DR." is being eliminated.

All informants referred to under a T-symbol in this report are to be considered as reliable unless otherwise indicated.

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BACKGROUND

Birth Data and Citizenship:

The Vincennes, Indiana, birth records, maintained in the office [redacted] reflect that on August 12, 1907, a male Negro child, first name not given, was born to CHARLES WIGGINS and MINNIE COSBY WIGGINS. The records indicated that this was the first child in the family and that both parents were born in Indiana. b7C

The records of the Passport Division, Department of State, disclosed that Passport Number 766479, issued February 15, 1943, is in the name of FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, born August 12, 1907, at Vincennes, Indiana.

Residence:

Subject's residence, since September, 1952, is in care of [redacted]

[redacted] b7C

Employment:

Since September, 1952, the subject has been teaching at Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina.

From September 16, 1946, to June, 1952, the subject was a full-time instructor in the Philosophy Department, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, from which institution he was dismissed in June of 1952.

Records of the University of Minnesota indicate that subject formerly was employed by Johnson-Smith University, Howard University, North Carolina College for Negroes and Louisville Municipal College.

Military Service:

None.

Criminal Record:

Records of the Minneapolis Police Department, made available on December 9, 1952, to SA [redacted], contain no information pertaining to the subject. b7C

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CONNECTIONS WITH BASIC REVOLUTIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Activities in Connection with the Communist Party:

The Communist Party, USA, has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[redacted] that the subject's name and address b2
appeared on an unidentified list maintained in the Library Book
Shop in March, 1948. This Book Shop is a Communist Party propaga b7D
outlet located at 240 Gateway Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota,
according to information furnished [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted]
[redacted]
individuals were identified by the informant as members of the b2
Communist Party at that time. b7D

[redacted] that the subject had contacted b7C
[redacted] for the purpose of having [redacted]

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[redacted]. according to information fur- b7C
nished by [redacted]

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[redacted] according to information re- b2
ceived [redacted] is a member b7D
of the Communist Party [redacted]

[redacted] b7C b2

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that he had learned [redacted] b7D
[redacted] the subject is a member of the Communist
Party. Informant was unable to recall [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that subject's name appeared b2
among a group of names maintained in the Library Book Shop, a
Communist Party book store in Minneapolis [redacted] b7D
[redacted] Informant was unable to state the reason for
subject's name being included in this list. b7C

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Activities in Connection with the Socialist Workers Party:

The SWP has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

[redacted] advised on [redacted] [redacted] had contacted the subject [redacted]

[redacted] This informant described [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject had requested [redacted] to take part in a debate at a Jewish Synagogue in north Minneapolis on the subject "The Welfare State" [redacted] Informant advised that the subject [redacted]

b2 The informant further advised [redacted]

b7D [redacted] according to the informant, [redacted]

b7C [redacted] advised that [redacted] stated she [redacted]

The "Militant", according to [redacted] is a weekly publication sponsored and staffed by the SWP.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was very friendly to the subject and had praised him for his presentation of a lecture the previous week.

The informant remarked that some SWP members attended the program at which the subject spoke on [redacted] and that they had distributed literature on that occasion. The informant went on to say that the literature distributed involved the sale of thirty-nine "Militants".

[redacted] on that same date, sent a wire to the University of Minnesota, Board of Regents, vigorously protesting the dismissal of FORREST WIGGINS from the faculty of the Philosophy Department of the University of Minnesota, as discrimination against WIGGINS because of his political and social views and demanding his reinstatement with full academic honors.

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This same informant went on to say that SWP leaders and members became very active in organizing protest groups against the dismissal of WIGGINS from the University of Minnesota, and where protest groups had been formed by others, the SWP attempted to infiltrate and influence these other groups.

b2 [redacted] that officials of the Communist
b7D Party were greatly concerned over the fact that the Communist Party had let the SWP convert WIGGINS to their theory.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INDICATING FURTHERANCE OF THE CP LINE AND PROGRAM

Contacts with Communist Party and SWP Leaders:

b2 [redacted] the subject was asked [redacted]
b7D [redacted] to be the main speaker at the membership meeting of the
Civil Rights Congress of Minneapolis. According to the informant,

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The Civil Rights Congress has been declared by the Attorney General of the United States as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

b2 [redacted] advised that the subject, [redacted] agreed to take
b7D part in an "International Outing", made up of graduates and
under-graduates of the University of Minnesota who represented
foreign countries. The informant related that the subject

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[redacted] related that the subject was contacted by [redacted]

[redacted] wanted the subject to be a guest speaker at a Communist Party function [redacted]

b2 [redacted] According to the informant, the
b7D subject stated he did not want to be identified with the Communist
Party because he thought he might lose his effectiveness in
b7C teaching by so doing. However, the informant related, the subject

[redacted] he was not worried by left wing affiliations. The subject further stated that he could do a lot of good at the University if he "kept his nose clean so that he could not be smeared".

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The contacts between the subject and SWP leaders have been previously reported under the caption "Activities in Connection with the Socialist Workers Party".

Speeches:

The "Minnesota Daily", official University of Minnesota newspaper, on November 2, 1950, reported that the subject gave a talk at the University of Minnesota on November 1, 1950, at which time he stated:

"Americans are dying in Korea for a set of conditions they would not tolerate in the United States.....The basis of the trouble today lies in the Capitalistic system in that it no longer serves the best interests of the majority of the people. Big money interests have gained control of the nation.....Since periods of war or threats of war always coincide with periods of prosperity in the United States, it seems there is some sort of connection between Capitalism and war."

The "Minnesota Daily", on January 23, 1951, quoted subject as having stated in a talk given at the University on January 22, 1951:

"The U.S. Capitalists and militarists are the only persons who want war."

and

"The present conflict in Korea is not between Democracy and Communism but between Capitalism and Socialism."

[redacted] that the subject was the main speaker [redacted]

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[redacted] The informant stated that WIGGINS, in his talk, stated [redacted]

WIGGINS went on to say that the smaller Capitalistic countries in Europe are kept going by the Marshall Plan and that most of the countries in Europe are Socialistic countries. WIGGINS asserted that the United States wants war in order to make money for the Capitalists, but that Russia does not want war and that the Chinese and Koreans are peace-loving people and do not want war.

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WIGGINS stated that not only are we supplying arms to Europe, but we have six concentration camps in the United States with 7,000 trained guards and accommodations for 3,000 subversives. WIGGINS continued that "Our system is all wrong", and stated "We have to have a change in Government. Our Government today is one of incompetence, corruption and fear. It used to be called America, the land of the free; now it is America, the land of the fear."

[redacted] advised that the subject spoke at an American Youth for Democracy-sponsored rally to oppose military training on [redacted] at Minneapolis, Minnesota. His topic was "A Philosopher Looks at U.M.W." According to the informant, [redacted]

[redacted] also appeared on this program.

The A.Y.D. has been cited by the Attorney General as subversive and Communistic, coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

MISCELLANEOUS

(S) [redacted] subject indicated that he arrived at Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, on February 21, 1943, traveling under United States Passport [redacted] (S) He went to Haiti to teach English under a program sponsored by the Cultural Relations Officer of the American Embassy in Haiti. This informant advised that soon after the subject started teaching in Haiti, his students, who were all Negroes, became anti-British. It was also reported [redacted] that subject's students had a bitter anti-white feeling, which [redacted] [redacted] (S) attributed to WIGGINS.

To illustrate the depth of anti-white feeling, it was pointed out that a pageant given by the students portrayed the origin of the Haitian flag and the elimination of the white portion of the flag when the country became independent. During the portrayal, the eradication of the white portion of the flag was enacted by the students, who stamped the white portion into the dust with their feet.

(S) [redacted] the subject is materialistic, an intellectual and a convinced Communist; however, it was not known whether or not he is actually a member of the Communist Party. It was reported that the subject continually praised Communist ideals and political philosophy while in Haiti.

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Activities in Connection with the Progressive Party of Minnesota:

The Progressive Party of Minnesota and its policies for this district, according to information furnished by [redacted] was under the control of the "political group" of the Communist Party in Minnesota.

[redacted] that the majority of Progressive Party of Minnesota members are members of the Communist Party and that the Communist Party is using the Progressive Party of Minnesota as a means to further Communist Party principles now that the Communist Party is becoming more ineffective.

The "Minneapolis Morning Tribune" of June 12, 1950, reported that the subject was elected as one of five new Vice-Chairmen of the Minnesota State Progressive Party at the Progressive Party convention in Minneapolis on June 11, 1950.

[redacted] that the subject attended a Minnesota State Progressive Party meeting in Minneapolis [redacted]

[redacted] of the Progressive Party [redacted] Minneapolis, the subject announced [redacted]

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that the subject was elected to serve as chairman of a permanent committee of the Statewide Conference for Peace, called by the Progressive Party of Minnesota and held in Minneapolis [redacted]

[redacted] that at a meeting held [redacted] under the auspices of the Progressive Party of Minnesota [redacted]

[redacted] from those attending.

[redacted] that the subject attended a Progressive Party committee meeting [redacted]

[redacted] according to information received from [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] that the subject attended a meeting of the Administrative Board of the Progressive Party of Minnesota [redacted]

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[redacted] according to information received from [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] according to information received from [redacted] is a member of the Communist Party.

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[redacted] that the subject is a current subscriber to the "National Guardian".

The "National Guardian", according to the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, is "a publication launched in New York in 1948, aiming at national circulation and which they found from its inception to be notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content."

Activities in Connection with the Civil Rights Congress:

The Civil Rights Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States as a Communist organization coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that subject attended a meeting [redacted]

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[redacted] that the subject, [redacted] attended a meeting [redacted] in Minneapolis.

Activities in Connection with the Minnesotans for Peace:

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The Minnesotans for Peace, according to information furnished by [redacted] is an organization infiltrated with Communist Party members and sympathizers, and believed by the informant to be a Communist Party-directed organization.

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[redacted] that at the session of the Peace Conference called by the Progressive Party [redacted] subject was elected as chairman of the State Committee of the Minnesotans for Peace.

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b2 [redacted] that the subject attended a

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b2 [redacted] an undated mimeographed
bulletin entitled "Peace Activities Newsletter", published by
b7D the Minnesotans for Peace, Box 1014, Minneapolis. [redacted]

b2 [redacted] that the subject attended [redacted]

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b7D [redacted] according to information

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is a member of the Communist Party.

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b7D [redacted] according to information

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a member of the Communist Party.

Activities in Connection with the Minneapolis Council for Peace:

b2 The Minneapolis Council for Peace, according to information fur-
b7D nished by [redacted] is a Communist Party-directed
peace organization.

b2 [redacted] that the subject attended an
election meeting of the Minneapolis Council for Peace held on

b7D [redacted]

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The informant advised that the members of the Minneapolis Council for Peace do not desire their organization to be identified with the Progressive Party, although discussion at the meeting brought out the obvious fact that the Minneapolis Council for Peace is a sub-division of the Minnesotans for Peace, which was originated by the Progressive Party.

[redacted] that the subject attended a

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Activities in Connection with the American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace:

[redacted] that the subject attended the American People's Congress and Exposition for Peace held at the Chicago Coliseum [redacted]

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that the subject helped collect money during the public rally

[redacted]

This informant stated that the executive heads of the APCEP were undoubtedly Communist Party members and that the Congress was locally supported by Communist Party organizations and members.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

The following is a description of the subject as obtained from Vincennes, Indiana birth records; records of the Passport Division, Department of State, Washington, D.C.; Savannah letter to Minneapolis dated October 10, 1952, and observation:

Name
Residence

FORREST CRAN WIGGINS
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Race
Sex
Age
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Birthplace
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Complexion

13 miles from Columbia,
South Carolina, on Highway #215
Negro
Male
45
August 12, 1907
Vincennes, Indiana
5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
170 lbs.
Brown
Black
Dark brown

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Scars & Marks

Employment

Marital Status
Wife

Two small scars center
forehead

Professor of Philosophy and
romance languages at Allen
University, Columbia, South
Carolina

Married

631 East 17th Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Information pertaining to subject's present employment and residence, as reported on Page 2 of this report, was obtained from articles in the St. Paul Dispatch of September 17, 1952, and the Minneapolis Evening Star of September 18, 1952, and has been verified by the Savannah Office as per Savannah Letter dated October 10, 1952. Information regarding subject's former employment was obtained from records of the University of Minnesota.

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REFERENCES

Report of SA [redacted] Minneapolis, dated 12/7/49.
Report of SA [redacted] Minneapolis, dated 6/19/51.

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[REDACTED] is a member of the Communist Party.

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TITLE DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently residing at Mance Hall, 2200 block of Taylor Street, Columbia, S.C. and is employed as a Professor at Allen University, Columbia, S.C. Informants advise that subject is not engaged in any CP Activity in Columbia, S. C. area.

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DETAILS

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Confidential Informant [Redacted] of known reliability, advised that subject is employed as a professor at Allen University and was residing for a while with [Redacted]

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This informant later advised that subject is presently residing at Mance Hall, 2200 block of Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina. This informant stated that Mance Hall was a part of Allen University. This informant advised he had received no information through sources that subject was engaged in any Communist Party Activities, at Allen University or in the Columbia, South Carolina area. This Informant advised that information had

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come to his attention that subject had made a comparison of democracy in the United States to that in Russia, and that several students had taken exception to subject's remarks. This informant stated this was the only instance which had been brought to his attention. This informant stated that subject's father-in-law has no Communist Party sympathies, and was a loyal American.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, advised that he had not received any information reflecting that subject was engaged in Communist Party Activity in the Columbia, South Carolina area or at Allen University. This informant stated that he had only heard that subject had lost his job at University of Minnesota, because he had failed to sign the loyalty pledge and this informant had taken it for granted that subject was a Communist. This informant stated []

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IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

Confidential Informant [redacted]

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[redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past concerning racial and Communist activities, and requests that his name be kept confidential in furnishing such information.

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[redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau. [redacted] furnished information [redacted]

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SAVANNAH OFFICE, At Columbia, South Carolina. Will maintain contact with [redacted] concerning activities of [redacted] subject.

Will consider the advisability of placing a mail cover on subject.

REFERENCES

9-26-52.

10-10-52.

10-23-52.

10-23-52.

12-23-52 at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis letter to Savannah dated

Savannah letter to Minneapolis dated

Minneapolis letter to Bureau dated

Minneapolis letter to Savannah dated

Report of SA [redacted] dated

Savannah letter to Bureau dated 1-14-53.

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TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

FROM *AS* SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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RESIDENCE ADDRESS Mance's Hall, 2200 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina

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TO : Director, FBI (100-25362)

DATE: May 7, 1953

FROM : SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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[redacted] Columbia, S. C., advises that the above subject has been granted a leave of absence at Allen University in Columbia, S. C., in order to study in Mexico. [redacted] understood this leave was granted for a period of one year.

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[redacted] Credit Bureau, Inc., obtained information

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[redacted] that subject is now residing at Hotel San Luis Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico. Since subject is presently outside of the United States, this case is being placed in a pending inactive status by the Savannah Office for a period of six months at which time informants will again be contacted as to subject's whereabouts.

The Minneapolis Office will likewise maintain contact with informants concerning [redacted], and also advise the Savannah Office of any change of address received concerning the above subject through regular channels of investigation.

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cc: Minneapolis (100-6856)

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TITLE DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resided Hotel San Luis, Saltillo, Coahuila, during the months of June and July, 1952. During March, April, and May, 1953, he resided [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was ascertained that the subject

[REDACTED] During June and July, 1953, subject allegedly attended the summer school at the University of Michoacan, Morelia, Michoacan, and is presently believed to be residing in Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico. Subject is described as an extremely intelligent humanitarian type of individual who is a definite liberal thinker. While in Saltillo he was

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[REDACTED] As far as could be learned subject made no anti-United States statements nor did he attack the White people. [REDACTED] subject's [REDACTED]

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Re: DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Confidential Source [] of known reliability, advised that Dr. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS had been granted a leave of absence from Allen University in Columbus, South Carolina, in order to study in Mexico for one year. Information developed by [] reflected that subject was residing at the Hotel San Luis in Saltillo, Coahuila. It was further pointed out that subject is inclined towards stirring up anti-white feelings and praising the Communist Party ideals and political philosophy. Subject is professor of philosophy and romance languages at Allen University.

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An examination of the list of students attending the summer school at the Escuela InterAmericana de Verano in Saltillo, reflected [Redacted]

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Sufficient copies are being forwarded so that the interested domestic field offices can be supplied with a copy.

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THE MEXICO CITY OFFICE

AT MORELIA, MICHOACAN, MEXICO

Will check the records of the summer school at the University of Michoacan to see if subject did attend classes there and endeavor to develop information regarding his activities.

AT GUANAJUATO, GUANAJUATO, MEXICO

Will endeavor to ascertain if subject is presently residing in this town and if he is attending the University of Guanajuato. If possible will develop information concerning subject's political beliefs and activities.

AT SALTILLO, COAHUILA, MEXICO

Will contact

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For the purpose of endeavoring to develop information concerning subject's activities in Saltillo.

REFERENCE: Savannah letter to Bureau 5/7/53.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)
 FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)
 SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
 SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 5-20-53

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FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)

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Rerep SA [REDACTED]

9/17/53, Mexico, D.F.

The Bureau is requested to advise the Savannah Division of the results of the investigation conducted in Mexico as results of leads set forth in rerep.

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TITLE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Informants in Columbia, S.C. know of no CP activity on part of subject while he was previously at Allen University. Info developed that subject was on leave from Allen University and presently attending University of Mexico and resides at Sor-Juana-Ines-de-la-Craz, 40-B Mexico, D.F. Mexico. Subject reported to have been member of Progressive Party in Minneapolis and to have followed the Communist Party line.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">----- P -----</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA</u></p> <p>Confidential Informant of known reliability, who is acquainted with the subject, advised that he knew of no Communist Party activity or any other activity that the subject had been engaged in while he was a professor at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. This informant advised that he had not received any reports concerning the subject since he had been at Allen University. This informant stated he had heard that subject had been kicked out of some University in the mid-west for refusing to sign a pledge for not being a Communist, but stated this was only hearsay.</p> <p>Confidential Informant of known reliability, advised he had not received any further information concerning the subject while subject was at Allen University. This informant states that subject has been in Mexico for approximately a year and did not know if the subject is going to return to Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina, as a professor or not.</p>			
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Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, b2
advised that the subject presently resides at Sor-Juana-Ines-de-la-Craz, b7D
40-B Mexico, D.F. Mexico.

[] has advised agents
of the Minneapolis Office []

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Confidential Informant [] of unknown reliability, b2

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[] advised that WIGGINS
was known to be a member of the Progressive Party and had followed the Communists
Party line closely and served the Communist Party in every action but this
informant had never known WIGGINS to actually be a Communist Party member.

Confidential Informant [] of known reliability, b2
advised that the Progressive Party in Minneapolis was controlled by the
Communist Party. b7D

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resided in Morelia, Michoacan, 6/18/53, through 9/9/53 when he left for Mexico City. While there, attending classes at the University of Michoacan, Subject indicated that he planned to enter Mexico City College in Mexico,

advised that she does not recall Subject by name but states that there were two Negro students in Saltillo, Coahuila, during the summer of 1952 but she has no idea of their names. She stated that Subject did not attend

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 3, 1954

Re: DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

The following investigation was conducted by [] of
known reliability:

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[] stated that FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, colored, arrived at Morelia June 18, 1953, and stayed at the Hotel Roma of that city, Room #10. He began his courses at the University on June 29, 1953, and concluded these classes on August 7, 1953. He left Morelia August 9, 1953, bound for Mexico City, where he indicated he would enter Mexico City College. He was taking courses in advanced Spanish, Mexican history, Spanish literature, and Mexican dances. The information as to the date of his departure from Morelia and his next destination, Mexico City, was verified from personnel of the Hotel Roma.

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[] stated that Subject, because of his race, had little association with the other American students and spent most of the time alone studying along the Avenida de los Arcos or in the hotel.

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[] advised that Subject was enrolled there taking summer classes from June 29, 1953, to August 7, 1953. He stated that Subject had taken phonetic Spanish, Spanish literature, and Spanish history courses.

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[] advised that Subject, when he left there at the conclusion of the summer course in 1953, requested that his credits be sent to CRUZ MANSION SOR JUANA INEZ DE LA C., #40-B, Mexico City. [] stated that these credits were sent there September 15, 1953.

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[] noted any particular or unusual activities or sympathies on the part of Subject during the time of his attendance at that university during the summer of 1953.

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[redacted] of known reliability contacted [redacted]
[redacted]

she advised that she did not know the Subject by name but that there were two colored students in Saltillo, Coahuila, during the summer of 1952 but she did not know their names. She advised that Subject [redacted]

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Two extra copies of instant report have been prepared for the use of the Savannah Office (100-4211).

Inasmuch as the investigation at Morelia indicated that Subject went directly from there to Mexico City, the lead for Guanajuato, Guanajuato, is being disregarded and for administrative purposes is being considered as covered.

SOURCES:

[Redacted Source Information]

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LEAD:

THE MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Mexico, D. F.

Will endeavor to follow Subject's activities at Mexico City College and ascertain if he is working with PC members or spreading propaganda in behalf of the Party.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA
1953, at Mexico, D. F.

[Redacted Reference Information]

dated September 17,

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P E N D I N G

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 3-25-54

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)

SUBJECT: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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Re report SA [REDACTED] dated 1-22-54.

The referenced report of SA [REDACTED] was submitted in lieu of an Annual Supplementary Report on the above captioned subject, since subject has lived outside of the territory covered by the Savannah Office for over the past year and since there has been no activity on the part of the subject in the Savannah Division.

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DATE 2/19/81 BY [REDACTED]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)
SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 1/20/54

Card U.I.D.

DR. FORREST O. WIGGINS
NO FD 122 necessary
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of this card

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

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NAME WIGGINS, Forrest Oran, Dr.

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DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) _____

NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) _____

RESIDENCE ADDRESS ^{OK} Sor-Juana-Ines de la-Cruz, 40-B, Mexico 14, D.F. Mexico

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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 2/19/04 BY 60290 AUL/BLS

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Date: Mar. 25, 1954
To: Director, FBI (64-25362)
Joe From: Legat, Mexico (100-1160)
Re: DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Re report of SA [redacted], dated February 3, 1954, at Mexico, D. F.

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Until subject's location in Mexico City is verified, no local dissemination is being made.

An extra copy of this communication has been prepared for the information of the Savannah office (100-4211).

Pending.

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as amended.

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Date: May 11, 1954

To: Director, FBI (64-25362)

G. L. R. - 5

From: Legat, Mexico (100-1160)

Re: DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rerep SA [redacted] dated May 11, 1954,
at Mexico, D. F.

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In the event a photograph of the subject is now available either to the Bureau or the Savannah office, it is requested that a copy be furnished to the Mexico City office.

WTB:MEG

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

REPORT MADE AT MEXICO, D. F.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/11/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24; 30; 4/6, 29; 5/10/54	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px; display: inline-block;"></div> b7C
TITLE DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject resides at Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz
No. 40 B, Mexico, D. F., and is attending the
Escuela de Verano, a dependency of the Universidad
Autonoma de Mexico, Libera de San Cosme No. 71,
Mexico, D. F.

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60290 AVE/BCE 1TA/UMH
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per ofa/letter 2/23/54

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DATE FORW. *5-26-54*
BY *6/3*



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1 - Mexico City (100-1160) b1		

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Extra copies of this report have been prepared for the information of the Savannah office, its file 100-4211.

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LEADS:

MEXICO CITY OFFICE AT MEXICO, D. F.:

Will endeavor to follow subject's activities and ascertain if he is working with PC members or spreading propaganda on behalf of the Communist Party.

Will through established sources maintain contact with Gobernacion to determine whether the subject is endeavoring to secure documentation which will permit him to reside permanently in Mexico.

REFERENCES:

Report of SA  dated 2/3/54 at Mexico, D. F.

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Mexico City letter to the Bureau dated 3/25/54.

Date: July 16, 1954

To: Legal Attache SECRET AIR COURIER
Mexico City, Mexico (100-1160)

From: Director, FBI (64-25362)

Subject: DR. FOREST BRAW TIGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reurlet May 11, 1954.

There are enclosed, for your assistance, three
photographs of the subject.

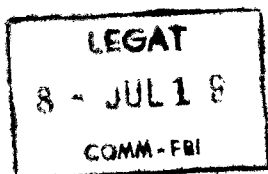
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taken are unknown.

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cc - Foreign Service Desk

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: June 29, 1954

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)

SUBJECT: Dr. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SM - C

Re: Letter from Legat, Mexico to Bureau dated 5/11/54.

There are enclosed herewith six (6) photos of the subject consisting of two photographs of three different poses.

The Bureau is requested to forward to Legat Mexico three of the photographs, one of each pose.

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ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU: 6 photos of subject

DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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Date: August 5, 1954
To: Director, FBI 64-25362
From: Legat, Mexico City 100-1160
Subject: DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Rerep of SA [redacted] dated 5/11/54 at Mexico City, [redacted]

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In view of the above, instant case is being placed in a pending inactive status and at the close of a six-months period an additional check will be made as to his residence and employment.

An extra copy of this communication has been prepared for the information of the Savannah Office, their file 100-4211.

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cc's Savannah
by RS- 8/30/54
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

FROM : SAC, Minneapolis (100-6856)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C;
SECURITY MATTER - SWP

DATE: September 20, 1954

There are transmitted herewith amended copies of page nine of the report of SA [redacted] at Minneapolis. These copies should be incorporated in the Bureau, Savannah and New York files in lieu of that page now contained therein. Corrected copies have also been prepared for the Minneapolis file. b7C

If the Savannah and New York Field Offices have made further dissemination of the information furnished by [redacted] in the above identified report, they should furnish that other Office or outside agency the same qualifying information concerning the reliability of the informant and thereafter notify the Bureau of that corrective action by separate letter captioned, [redacted] the title and character of the case; the name of the subject as was known to the former informant; the Bureau file number where known; the identity of the other Bureau Office or outside agency, together with that agency's location; and whether this corrective action was made by letter or by the submission of amended pages to a report. b7C b2 b7D

The Savannah and New York Field Divisions should also label any file containing information furnished by [redacted] to show that his information, in many instances, may be questionable and should not be disseminated to outside agencies unless the same has been corroborated by other reliable sources. In this latter event, the information should be shown as coming from an individual of unknown reliability. b7C b7D

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Letter to Director

Re: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

SECURITY MATTER - C;

SECURITY MATTER - SWP

September 20, 1954

This corrective action is being taken because information furnished by the informant has since been determined to have been unreliable. No administrative action is being recommended.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)
SUBJECT: DOCTOR FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 10-8-54

Information has been developed that WIGGINS has returned to Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina as a Professor. This information has been verified through two confidential sources, and it has been established that subject is residing on the campus of this school.

Subject's activities will be followed at this school, and the Bureau will be advised of any changes of address.

Washington Field Office is requested to remove stops placed with Collection of Customs on March 22, 1954.

An extra copy of this letter to the Bureau is being prepared so that it can be forwarded to the Legat, Mexico City (100-1160) for their information. /

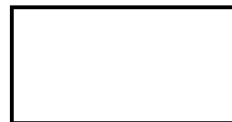
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cc Legat Mexico City
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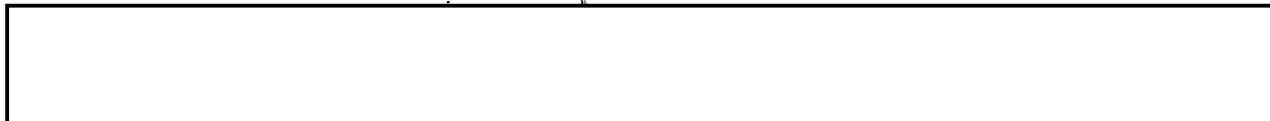
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Date: October 22, 1954
To: Director, FBI (64-25362)
From: Legat, Mexico (100-1160)
Subject: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Remylet of August 5, 1954, and Savannah letter of October 8, 1954, to the Director.

In view of the information set forth in referenced Savannah letter reflecting that the subject has returned to Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina, this case is being placed in an RUC status.

An extra copy of this communication has been prepared for the information of the Savannah Office, their file 100-4211.



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Date: October 22, 1954

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From:

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Subject:

DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Reference is made to our memoranda of September 17, 1953, February 3, 1954, and May 11, 1954, concerning the presence and activities of the captioned individual in Mexico.

It has been reliably established that Dr. WIGGINS has returned to the United States and, as of October 8, 1954, was known to be at Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina.

The above is submitted for your confidential information.

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100-1160

3 cc: Bureau (64-25362) -

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 12/16/54

FROM : SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - CREMOVE FROM
UNAVAILABLE SECTIONCard U.T.D.
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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TAB FOR DETCOM _____ TAB FOR COMSAB _____ RACE _____ SEX _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) Allen University,
1530 Hardin Street, Columbia, South Carolina. 64-25362-NATURE OF INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS (Specify from Vital Facility List) *mt*RESIDENCE ADDRESS *✓* Mance's Hall, 2200 Taylor Street, Columbia, S. C.REMARKS: Since subject has returned to Columbia, S. C., his card is being taken
out of the "unavailable section".ZJV:amt
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT SAVANNAH

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REPORT MADE AT SAVANNAH	DATE WHEN MADE 1/17/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/22; 10/8; 12/3, 8, 9, 13/54 1/7/55	REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> b7C
TITLE DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Informants advised subject returned to Columbia, S.C. in Sept. 1954 where he has been re-employed as a professor at Allen University. Subject is residing on the Campus of this school. Informants are not aware of any CP activities on the part of subject since his return to Columbia, S. C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--- P ---</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA</u></p> <p>Confidential Informant of known reliability advised he had received information through Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina that Dr. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS had returned to this school in September, 1954 and that WIGGINS had been re-employed as a professor of English at Allen University. This informant stated that he has not heard or seen any activities on the part of subject since his return from Mexico that would indicate he is active in any Communist Party activity or any front groups for the Communist Party since his return.</p> <p>Confidential Informant of known reliability who has access to employment and resident data of various people in the Columbia, South Carolina area likewise advised that subject had returned from Mexico in September, 1954 and was employed at Allen University as an English Professor. Informant had no further information pertaining to the subject or his activities since his return. Informant advised that the subject was living on the campus of the Allen University.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>			
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>15 Bureau (64-25362)</p> <p>2 Charlotte</p> <p>3 Savannah (100-4211)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">17 JAN 20 1955</p>	

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability,

[redacted]
[redacted]
informant advised [redacted]
indicated nothing that would reflect he was engaged in any Communist
Party activities or any activities of any front groups of the Communist
Party.

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Confidential Informant [redacted] of known reliability,

[redacted]
[redacted] advised that no information had been received reflecting that
the subject had made any statement indicating any connection with the
Communist Party or front groups at the Allen University.

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LEADS:

THE CHARLOTTE DIVISION, At Durham, North Carolina, Will attempt to determine if FORREST WIGGINS, residing Fayetteville St. Durham, N.C. on 2/19/43, is identical with subject. First prints concerning this person were sent to FBI Ident. Division under FBI # 451786B and contributor Civil Service Commission Washington, D.C. when this person applied for a position as teacher in Haiti for the FSA Office, Washington, D. C.

THE SAVANNAH DIVISION, At Columbia, South Carolina, Will maintain contact with [redacted] relative to activities of subject at Allen University at Columbia, S. C.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/22/54.

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 2/3/54 at Mexico, D.F.

Report of [redacted] dated 5/11/54 at Mexico, D.F.

Savannah letter to Bureau dated 10/8/54.

Letter from LeGet, Mexico to Bureau dated 10/22/54.

To : Director, FBI
From *g*: SAC, Savannah (100-4211)
Subject: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Date: 1-11-55

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division
☐ Investigative Division

Name: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Address: Allen University, Columbia, S. C.

Type of Mail: Letters and publications

Type of Cover: 30 day

Period Covered: 1-20-55 to 2-20-55

Purpose of Cover: To ascertain if subject is in any way active in CP activities through correspondence or through the subscription of any CP Publications or front groups. This subject has been out of country for some time, present contacts not known.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau.
If necessary continue on extra page.)

Subject is carried as a Security Index Subject of the Savannah Office. Since subject has been out of the country for some length of time, sources at Columbia, S.C. are unable to furnish any information as to any possible CP activity on his part.

This mail cover can be handled directly out of the Post Office in Columbia, S.C. and the Savannah Office has never experienced any difficulty with mail covers placed at Columbia, S. C. There are no known existing possibilities of any embarrassment to the Bureau through the placing of this mail cover.

Postmaster to whom Form FD-115 will be directed if authorized:

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U. S. Post Office, Columbia,

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Director (64-25362)

DATE: February 21, 1955

FROM : SAC, Charlotte (100-5309)

SUBJECT: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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(Origin: Savannah)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2/24/04 BY 60295 SPK
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Rerep SA [redacted]

Savannah, January 17, 1955.

[redacted] North Carolina

College, who requested her name be kept confidential, advised subject had been a member of the North Carolina College Faculty in February 1943, and had resided at 1510 Fayetteville Street in Durham, North Carolina, at that time. She reported subject left North Carolina College to become a member of the Faculty of the Louisville Municipal College and from there went to the University of Wisconsin, and thereafter became a member of the Faculty at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina. She said she believed him to be presently employed at Allen University.

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For the information of Savannah, Charlotte indices reflect that on January 16, 1948, New York Confidential Informant [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] and SE [redacted] the name and address of FORREST

ORON WIGGINS, 1510 Fayetteville Street, Durham, North Carolina, [redacted] requesting that the workers

Book Shop catalogue be sent. This exhibit was obtained from a building located at 35 East 12th Street, New York, New York, which is occupied by the following under the control of the Communist Party: Freedom of the Press, Inc.; Morning Freiheit Association; Workers' Bookshop; Wholesale Book Corporation; F & D Printing Company; 12th - 13th Realty Corporation; Communist Party - U.S.A.; Communist Party - N. Y. State; Communist Party - N. Y. County.

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Charlotte indices further reflect a letter dated September 28, 1943, from Miami entitled "FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, Passenger Arriving Miami, Florida, August 22, 1943, SECURITY MATTER; FOREIGN TRAVEL CONTROL" reflecting results of interview of subject by SA [redacted]

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[redacted] The results of this interview are as follows:

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"The subject stated that his full name is FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, and that he was born August 13, 1907, at Vincennes, Indiana. He was traveling on United States Passport No. 766479, issued February 17, 1943, at Washington, D. C. His father is CHARLES S. WIGGINS, who is divorced from his mother, and his present address is unknown. His mother, whom he resided with subsequent to his parents' divorce, is Mrs. CORA HAYNES, 507 West 26th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

"At an early age, the subject advised, he moved to Indianapolis with his mother, and resided there until he was twenty years of age. From 1924 to 1928 he attended college at Butler University, Indianapolis, where he majored in English and minored in philosophy. In 1928 he went to France, where for sixteen months he studied French at the Alliance Francaise School, operated by the French Government. In August 1929 he returned to the United States and from 1930 to 1932 taught French in Atlanta, Georgia, at Moorehouse College. In the summer of 1932 he attended the University of Wisconsin, where he obtained a Master's degree in philosophy. From 1932 to 1937 he taught at the Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina, and in 1937 he returned to the University of Wisconsin, where he received his Doctor's degree in philosophy. Subsequent to the obtaining of this degree he did research work at the University of Wisconsin until 1939 in lieu of obtaining a fellowship. From 1939 until 1941 he was a professor at Howard University, Washington, D. C., in the Philosophy Department. In September of 1941 he accepted a professorship at North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham. He was there until February 21, 1943, when he was employed by the United States Department of Education to go to Haiti, and teach English at Cap Haitian in the Lycee Philippe Guerrier High School and Junior College combined. This program, he stated, was a part of the coordination of Inter-American affairs, and that his purpose was to help spread the English language in Haiti. His salary while there was approximately \$150.00 per month, and all other expenses.

"He is returning to the United States at this time to continue his duties at Durham in the North Carolina College for Negroes.

"His Selective Service card reflected that he is registered at Local Board No. 12, District of Columbia, Order No. 1484, and is presently classified 3-A.

"The subject was questioned directly regarding the referenced Bureau teletype. WIGGINS stated that he has written many articles regarding philosophy, some of which have been published in different newspapers, none of which, he stated, were considered as pro-Nazi, anti-English, or anti-White. The only article, he stated, that he was even slightly criticized for was an article written by him, published in the Durham Herald, in 1942, regarding his thoughts pertaining to Negroes and Whites working together in defense industries. He

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said that he is of the full belief that during an emergency period as we are having now the Negroes should be allowed to work in defense factories and obtain the same salary as white people if they are qualified to do the same type of work, and that they should not be discriminated against in view of the fact that they are black. He said this article was approximately six hundred words long, and that although several articles were written in answer to his article, he never received any undue publicity regarding the writing of this editorial.

"The following description of the subject was obtained at the time of the interview:

Name:	FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
Citizenship:	American
Sex:	Male
Height:	5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	172 lbs.
Eyes:	Brown, wears glasses
Hair:	Black, kinky
Complexion:	Brown
Occupation:	Professor, North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, North Carolina
Marital status:	Married
Wife:	

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"A search of the subject's luggage by the United States Customs officials was made with negative results."

No further inquiry in this matter is contemplated by Charlotte.

RUC.

SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

April 19, 1955

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Authority is not granted to interview the subject pending a review of his case under the new criteria for the Security Index by your office.

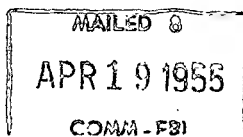
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is on the SI based on front group activities and speeches expounding the CP line.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)
FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)
SUBJECT: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 4/5/55

Re Savannah letter to Bureau, dated 1/15/55, captioned
"SECURITY INDEX - INTERVIEWS OF SUBJECTS".

The above captioned subject is a Security Index subject of the Savannah Office, and Bureau permission is being hereby requested to interview this subject. The following information is being set forth as per Bureau instructions.

I. Subject resides on campus of Allen University, Columbia, S. C. Subject is employed as a professor of English. Subject's race is negro.

II. Subject was married [redacted]

b7D [redacted] advised Bureau Agents

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b7D [redacted]

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III. Subject during 1950-1952 had numerous contacts with CP and SWP leaders in Minnesota and made speeches which follow the CP line. He was active in the Progressive Party and Minnesotans for Peace, both described as being CP directed. He attended meetings of CRC, Minneapolis Council for Peace, and the Americans Peoples Congress and Exposition for Peace. Subject reportedly resided in Haiti in 1943 and stirred up considerable anti-white feeling, and praised communist ideals.

IV. There is no information reflecting [redacted] is affiliated with any CP or front group, and the Minneapolis Office advised they were asking Bureau permission to delete

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- V. There is no information indicating that any of subject's close relatives are CP members, or affiliated with any front groups.
- VI. Informants advise they are not aware of any CP activities on part of subject at Allen University, or in the Columbia, S. C. area. No information available regarding any defection, expulsion, inactivity and present sympathies of the subject.
- VII. [redacted] upon interview by Bureau Agents at Minneapolis, Minn. [redacted] advised that she thought subject would be receptive and cooperative to an interview by Bureau Agents. The Savannah Office would like to determine through interview with subject, if he should be retained as a Security Index Subject, and also determine the possibility of developing him as a source of information pertaining to other security subjects in the Columbia, S. C. area.
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Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing regulations relating to interviews of security subjects. If this person is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a Potential Security Informant.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)

SUBJECT: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 5/17/55

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2/24/04 BY 60290 AUC/BCE/TAL/MS

SUCCEINCT RESUME OF CASE**CANCELLED**

MAY 27 1955

Dr. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS is a Negro male, born August 12, 1907 at Vincennes, Indiana. He has been employed since September, 1952 as Professor of Psychology and romance languages at Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina. His wife divorced him February 10, 1954 for desertion. The subject attended Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana from 1924 to 1928. He then went to France where for 16 months he studied at the Alliance Francaise School operated by the French government. From 1930 to 1932, he taught at Moore House College, Atlanta, Georgia. He obtained his Master's Degree in Psychology in the Summer of 1932 at the University of Wisconsin. From 1932 to 1937, he taught at the Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina, and in 1937 he returned to the University of Wisconsin where he received his Doctor's Degree in Psychology. He taught at Howard University, Washington, D. C. from 1939 to 1941. From 1941 to 1943, he was a Professor at the North Carolina College for Negroes in Durham, North Carolina. In February, 1943, he was employed by the United States Department of Education and went to Haiti to teach English. He returned to the United States in August of 1943 to continue his duties at the North Carolina College for Negroes. He subsequently taught at the Louisville Municipal College, and then from 1946 to June, 1952, he was an instructor in Psychology at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was granted leave by Allen University, Columbia, to study in Mexico in March, 1953. He returned to Allen University September, 1954.

There is no direct evidence that the subject was ever a member of the Communist Party; however, a Bureau foreign source advised that when the subject

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was teaching in Haiti, the students, who were all Negroes, became anti-British and had a bitter anti-white feeling, which the source attributed to the subject. Source stated that the subject continually praised Communist ideals and political psychology while in Haiti, and that the subject was a convinced Communist; however, he did not know whether subject was actually a member of the Communist Party. This all happened in 1943.

[redacted] he had learned from [redacted] whom he was unable to recall that the subject was a member of the Communist Party. Reliable informants in the Minneapolis area have reported that subject was in close contact with members of the Communist Party while he was associated with the University of Minnesota from 1946 to 1952, and further that subject's name was maintained at the Library Book Shop which was a Communist Party propaganda outlet in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Informants have further stated that the subject took part in a debate in Minneapolis on [redacted] the subject of which was "The Welfare

State" [redacted]

[redacted] member of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers' Party. Two members of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce were the speakers against The Welfare State. Informants have further stated that the Socialist Workers' Party and the Communist Party were active in organizing protest groups against the dismissal of the subject from the University of Minnesota due to his political and social views. In 1949, subject was active in speaking on various occasions where there were numbers of Communist present and where the secretary of District Nine of the Communist Party was the main speaker. According to an informant [redacted]

[redacted] Dr. WIGGINS stated he did not want to be identified with the Communist Party, because he thought he might lose his effectiveness in teaching by so doing. The subject further stated that he could do a lot of good at the university if he "kept his nose clean so that he could not be smeared". According to the informant, Dr. WIGGINS [redacted]

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[redacted] at Duluth, Minnesota, the subject, according to informants, stated that the United States wanted war in order to make money for the capitalist, but that Russia did not want war and that the Chinese and Koreans were peace loving people and did not want war. In his speech the subject went on to state that our system of government was all wrong and that a change was necessary, that our government today was one of incompetence, corruption, and fear, that it use to be called America the land of the free but that now it is America the land of the fear.

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According to a Minneapolis informant the subject [redacted]

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[redacted] Informants have reported the subject attended a Civil Rights Congress meeting in Minneapolis [redacted]

On February 13, 1948, the subject spoke at an American Youth for Democracy sponsored rally opposing military training. On this same program appeared CLARENCE HATHAWAY, a former editor of the Communist "Daily Worker".

According to informants, the subject was very active in the Minnesota State Progressive Party, having been elected a vice-chairman at the Progressive Party convention in Minneapolis [redacted]

He also made a speech on [redacted] before a meeting of this party [redacted]

Subject was elected to serve as chairman of a permanent committee of the State Wide Conference for Peace sponsored by the Progressive Party of Minnesota [redacted] According to informants, the subject made many speeches for the Progressive Party in the years [redacted] Many of these meetings [redacted]

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According to informants of the Minneapolis Office, the Progressive Party of Minnesota was under the control of the political group of the Communist Party in Minnesota.

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In April, 1952, the subject was known to be a subscriber to the "National Guardian".

According to informants, subject was very active in an organization known as The Minnesotans for Peace and was elected chairman of the State Committee on February 11, 1951. The post office box for this organization was rented by the subject on February 27, 1951, and the box rental was filled out by the subject. According to informants, this organization was a Communist Party directed organization infiltrated with Communist Party members and sympathizers. Further, informants disclosed that many of the meetings of this organization were held in the homes of Communist Party members and that such meetings were attended by the subject. According to a mimeographed bulletin entitled "Peace Activities News Letter" published by the Minnesotans for Peace, the name of Dr. FORREST WIGGINS appears as the treasurer of this group.

According to informants, the subject was also active in 1951 in the Minneapolis Council for Peace which, according to informants, was a sub-division of the Minnesotans for Peace which originated through the Progressive Party. Informants have also characterized the Minneapolis Council for Peace as a Communist Party directed peace organization.

Informants have also reported that the subject [redacted] attended the American Peoples Congress, an exposition for peace, held at the Chicago Coliseum and that the subject helped collect money during the public rally of this organization. Informants have reported that this congress was supported by Communist Party organizations and members. b7D

After the subject reported for duty as Professor at Allen University, Columbia, no subversive activities have been reported regarding his activities with the possible exception that in the latter part of 1952, an informant stated that Dr. WIGGINS in one of his classroom lectures had made a comparison of Democracy in Russia and the United States and several of his students had taken exception to his remarks.

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While Dr. WIGGINS was in Mexico in 1953 and 1954 on leave from Allen University to study, information was developed in Mexico that the subject had associated with certain individuals alleged to be members of the Mexican Communist Party; however, no activity was noted on the part of Dr. WIGGINS.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Dr. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS be removed from the Security Index for the following reasons:

- I. WIGGINS has not had membership in or participated in the activities of a basic revolutionary organization within the last five years that can be clearly shown by overt acts or statements.
- II. WIGGINS has not been a member or participated in the affairs of any front organization in a leadership capacity within the last three years with the possible exception of the Minnesota Progressive Party with which organization he was associated until he moved to Columbia in September, 1952. It is not believed that this warrants placing him on the Security Index list in itself.
- III. No information has been developed that subject has an anarchist or revolutionary beliefs as shown by overt acts or statements within the last three years.
- IV. Investigation does not indicate that the subject is a dangerous individual who would be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense and public safety of the United States in time of emergency.

DETCOM TABBING

Dr. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS has not been tabbed for Detcom. The Savannah Division has not received a Security Index

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card for WIGGINS from the Bureau bearing the stamp "Detcom" in large red letters.

It is not recommended that WIGGINS be tabbed for Detcom as he is not a top functionary or a key figure. He has not been reported to be active in a basic revolutionary organization during the past year. He is not known to be active in the Communist Party underground nor do his activities clearly and unmistakably depict him as a potential saboteur, espionage agent, or disruptionist in the event of an emergency.

2 Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Linnich

Mr. Boardman

March 27, 1957

Director, FBI (94-48068)

INTERNAL SECURITY

[REDACTED]
SAVING, SOUTH CAROLINA
INTERNAL SECURITY
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2/25/01 BY 40290 BUC/6(C)/7

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated March 1, 1957, received from the above captioned individual.

b7C [REDACTED] is Security Index subject
and may figure your office, your file 100-4025. (65-30623)

Horrest Oran Higgins is former Security Index
subject your office, your file 100-4211. (64-25362)

b7C Upon receipt of this letter you should telephonically
contact [REDACTED] orally acknowledge receipt of
his letter at the Bureau and arrange a personal appointment
with him at the earliest convenient time.

At the time of personal contact, you are authorized
to furnish orally to [REDACTED] information pertaining
to Higgins [REDACTED] as contained in the enclosed copies of
blind memoranda pertaining to each. At the time you furnish
the information, you should emphasize the fact that none
of the information furnished is to be attributed to the
FBI, that the information is furnished in the strictest
confidence and no reference is to be made to the FBI in
any manner in connection with any action taken upon the
information being furnished. Additionally, you should
clearly define to him the confidential nature of Bureau
files and the responsibilities and jurisdiction of the
FBI in the security field. If he seeks additional data,
you should point out that due to the confidential nature
of Bureau files, no review of same can be made; however,
the information furnished to him regarding Higgins and
Davis is in the public realm, is of a general nature,
and readily available.

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Enclosures - 2

1 - Charlotte (w/enclosures - 1)

1 - Bufile 65-30623

1 - Bufile 64-25362 (Horrest Oran Higgins)

See memo Belmont to Boardman dated 3/26/57, same caption.

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Letter to J. G. [redacted]

RE:

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Furthermore, you should request [redacted] to furnish any information in his possession which would be within the scope of the Bureau's jurisdiction.

For your information only, [redacted] letter may be motivated by hearings on confirmation [redacted] which developed information regarding [redacted] handling of a case involving [redacted] b7C
was present at the hearing when the information concerning [redacted] was mentioned and he thought the matter should be looked in to and state funds should be denied any institution hiring commissions.

The date and results of the contact should be promptly furnished the Bureau and Charlotte office with reference being made to this communication.

Orig & 1 SV, 1 cc CE, lcc
Boardman
Belmont
Nichols
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March 27, 1951

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS - 3

Forrest Oran Wiggins, born August 12, 1907, at Vincennes, Indiana, reportedly as of May, 1955, was employed as a professor of psychology and romance languages at Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina. Reportedly in May, 1955, he resided on the campus of Allen University.

According to an article appearing in the April 17, 1948, issue of the "Minnesota Daily," official publication of the University of Minnesota, a "Students-for-Wallace Anti-military Training Rally" was held on the campus on April 16, 1948. At the rally Wiggins said the world is "again on the brink of fascism" which he described as a government run by monopolists and militarists.

The "Minnesota Daily" on November 2, 1950, reported that Wiggins gave a talk at the University of Minnesota on November 1, 1950, at which time he stated "Americans are dying in Korea for a set of conditions they would not tolerate in the U. S. The basis of the trouble today lies in the capitalistic system in that it no longer serves the best interests of the majority of the people. Big money interests have gained control of the nation.... Since periods of war or threats of war always coincide with periods of prosperity in the U. S. it seems there is some sort of connection between capitalism and war."

The "Minnesota Daily" on January 23, 1951, quoted Wiggins as stating in a talk at the University of Minnesota on January 22, 1951, "U. S. capitalists and militarists are the only persons who want war" and "the present conflict in Korea is not between democracy and communism but between capitalism and socialism."

The "Minnesota Daily" on February 1, 1951, reported that on January 31, 1951, Wiggins was one of the speakers at the final discussions of a lecture series "Conflict in the Social Order." Wiggins, according to the paper, stated "colonial peoples are tired of being saved from the Russian Bear, the German Kaiser, anarchy and chaos, Fascism and even themselves. No matter what excuse was given they inevitably found that they were saved for imperialism and they wanted to save themselves from imperialist exploitation."

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ENCLOSURE

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Mr. L. V. Boardman

3/26/57

1 - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Minnich

Mr. J. H. Belmont

[REDACTED] SOUTH CAROLINA.
INFORMATION CONCERNING b7C
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

By letter dated 3/19/57, [REDACTED] relates he has received information considered reliable that a number of communist suspects reside his state, some of whom may be teaching in public or private educational institutions. Under suspicion are [REDACTED] and Forrest Cran Higgins, Allen University, both in South Carolina. He requests identity, residence, and transcript of record of activities of all "suspects" particularly those teaching in public or private institutions. He explains his request is made so steps deemed advisable may be taken for protection public interest and youth of state. b7C

[REDACTED] was approved to receive information under the responsibilities program, however, no indication he was ever recipient of same. (62-66452) b7C

[REDACTED] is Security Index subject and key figure Savannah Office. (65-30623) b7C

Forrest Cran Higgins, former Security Index subject Savannah Office, removed from Security Index 5/27/55. No direct evidence exists he was ever member of the Communist Party (CP). Substance of information re Higgins centers around CP front activities, associations or contacts with known CP members, and speeches or utterances by him from 1943 to 1952 which were either anti-British, antiwhite, or paralleled CP line. (64-25362)

[REDACTED] in reference [REDACTED] letter advised Mr. Nichols, genesis of the inquiry undoubtedly grew out of hearings on confirmation. b7C

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1 - 65-30623 [REDACTED]
1 - 64-25362 (Forrest Cran Higgins)

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman

RE: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The hearing developed information regarding [REDACTED] handling of a case involving [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Wiggins because of rather peculiar circumstances and then decline to furnish anything of confidential nature in Bufiles. [REDACTED] would be satisfied but doubted, [REDACTED] name being mentioned in public hearing, that Bureau could get by with declining to furnish anything. Nichols informed [REDACTED] Bureau would be governed by Department's desires. (Nichols to Tolson, 3/25/57)

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) Attached for approval is letter, enclosing blind memoranda containing public source information regarding Wiggins [REDACTED] to Savannah Office, for transmittal to [REDACTED]

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(2) Attached for approval is letter to Deputy Attorney General Rogers.

Director, FBI

3/14/57

SAC, Savannah

[REDACTED]
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(Bufile 100-358270)
(Sv. file 100-4448)

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FORREST ORIN WIGGINS

SM - C 64-25362
(Bufile 100-25362)
(Sv. file 100-4211)

OO: Savannah

Enclosed are four copies of "Allen University Bulletin,"
Columbia, S. C. This bulletin is dated February 1957
and contains articles which were prepared by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FORREST ORIN WIGGINS. The article by
[REDACTED] presents more Communist information than the
article by WIGGINS.

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These are being submitted to the Bureau for informational
purposes.

Copies of these bulletins are being retained in Savannah
files and excerpts from these will be included in the
annual report submitted on SI subjects.

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Nichols
Boardman
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March 27, 1957

[REDACTED]
Deputy Director, General
Director, FBI

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[REDACTED]
RE: [REDACTED], SOUTH CAROLINA
[REDACTED] CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Pursuant to your conversation with Mr. Nichols
on March 25, 1957, there is enclosed herein one copy
each of memoranda pertaining to Forrest Gran Wiggins

[REDACTED] In accordance with your
request, the contents of these memoranda are being
made available to [REDACTED]
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- 1 - Savannah (Information)
- 1 - Charlotte (Information)

- 1 - Bufile 65-30623 [REDACTED]
- 1 - Bufile 64-26362 (Forrest Gran Wiggins)

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NOTE ON FOLLOW:

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See memorandum Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman
dated March 26, 1957, captioned [REDACTED]
Governor, South Carolina, Information Concerning, (Internal
Security)." JTM:lmk.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: July 25, 1957

FROM : SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

SUBJECT: DR. FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SM - CALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 2/14/04 BY 6030 NC/STP/2[redacted]
who has furnished reliable information in the past and
whose identity should not be disclosed, was contacted

He advised that on [redacted]

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[redacted] a letter was sent by [redacted]
University, Columbia, S. C. to FORREST ORAN WIGGINS.

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This letter advised WIGGINS [redacted] desired that WIGGINS

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This information is being brought to the attention of the
Bureau so that Bureau will be cognizant of any developments
in this case. As soon as this matter is settled, a report
will be submitted reflecting the full details of same.② Bureau (RM)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office SAVANNAH	Office of Origin SAVANNAH	Date 8/14/57	Investigative Period See below
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	b7C Typed By: rp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
		Period: 3/14; 4/10, 16, 17, 19, 24, 26; 5/8, 15, 23; 6/12, 13, 16, 17, 19; 27; 7/2, 3, 10, 26; 8/5/57	

Synopsis:

Subject employed as instructor at Allen University, Columbia, S. C. from 1954 to present. No activity noted until school year 1956-57, at which time he sent donations to the "American Socialist," a Communist Party publication. Subject wrote article for Benedict College Bulletin in 1957 which reflects CP ideas and is quoted in part. Subject resides 2228 Taylor Street, Columbia, S. C. Allen University requested subject resign on 6/15/57 but subject refused and hearing to be held on 8/6/57 by University to dismiss subject. Subject

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DETAILS: AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

I. BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE

Savannah Confidential Informant advised on

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[redacted] that the subject resides in an apartment at 2228 Taylor Street, Columbia, S. C., and that he is not married. b7D

EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] advised on [redacted] that FORREST b2
ORAN WIGGINS has been employed by Allen University, Columbia,
as an instructor from the Fall of 1954, until the present time. b7D

II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b2 Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted]
[redacted] furnished information that the subject of instant
b7D investigation [redacted]

b2 Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on
[redacted] that the "American Socialist" was the official
b7D publication of the SUA for general distribution to the public.

b2 Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on
[redacted] that the SUA or Socialist Union of America
b7D was founded by a minority group which broke away from the
Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority
group believed that the organization should enter the Communist
Party and other left-wing groups with the intention of swinging
these groups right or left thereby making a revolution possible
in a short time. The SUA was formerly founded at what was
called the Midwest Founding Conference held [redacted]
[redacted]

The SWP has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

b2 [redacted] subscrip-
b7D tion cards for the "American Socialist," 863 Broadway, New York,
N. Y., which reflected the following:

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FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
Allen University, Columbia, S. C.
March 16, 1956, one year subscription

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS,
Allen University, Columbia, S. C.
March 23, 1955, one year subscription

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
Allen University, Columbia, S.C.
October 7, 1954, six-months subscription.

b2 [redacted] the Allen
University Bulletin for February 1957, which contains an article
b7D by FORREST ORAN WIGGINS entitled "Reflection on Education and
Politics." The following excerpts are taken from this article:

"Indeed, the entire world is undergoing a most profound transitional period. Three factors stand out in bold relief: (1) the discovery and use of atomic energy, (2) the acceptance by one-third of the peoples of the world of a socialist economic system, and (3) the determination of subjected colonial peoples to liberate themselves on one hand from foreign exploitation, and, on the other, from feudal political and economic organizations in their own lands.

"This is a period of crisis and transition precisely because the change in life-conditions has become so acutely fundamental that its ramifications have stirred the entire world; and we now realize, or should realize, that the former patterns and traditional solutions are incompetent to organize, to evaluate, and to furnish guidance for the future existence of the world. Hence, it is imperative that those who are most intimately involved in and entrusted with the education of the next generation become aware of the challenge that confronts them as they struggle with the problem and grope for solutions of the ills which beset a sick world.

"Third. Education must be free. The students must have free accessibility to the school. Not only his tuition, but all his material needs such as clothing,

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"books, food, etc., must be provided for him by public funds. That some of our best minds cannot go to school for lack of money is a shame on our social system. America is the richest nation in the world. It can easily afford to give free education to all those who want it for as long as they want it and as long as they can take it.

"Politics has been fittingly characterized as the science of who gets what, when and how much. The 'what' refers to property objects. Since property and the state are born together, all political forms are systems which are concerned with the distribution of property objects. The decision as to who is going to receive five dollars a day and who is going to get \$10,000 a day is politically decided. Shall we have an integrated or a segregated school system? Shall the wealth of the nation be spent for roads, hospitals, schools, libraries, art galleries or for war preparations? These again, are political questions.

"... by following an outworn economic theory, we have taught that each man can secure these goods by his own efforts and that they come to him as a reward for his labor. We know that this is not true today, if it were ever true. We know that when we follow such a policy we are but one plane removed from animal existence. That is why it is called 'the struggle for existence.' As our economy is now organized a man in order to get economic security must engage in practices which make it imperative that other men be made insecure. He can get ahead only at the expense of another. From reflecting on this fact Robert Burns was led to decry 'man's inhumanity to man.'

"He knows that his acts are not in harmony with democratic traditions and are in opposition to Christian principles. If he is intelligent, he will compromise his ideals at first, and then with tears deceive himself. Later he will toughen up, become 'practical' and act with gall. He has lost his soul. He has sold it for a mess of garbage.

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"The attempt--and rather successful--to identify Americanism with capitalism or free enterprise is dishonest. None of the great political documents of the American Revolution make any mention of any particular economic system--socialism or capitalism. Nor does it give its blessing to any system. Socialism is not un-American; nor is capitalism American any more than it is British or French.

"The Negro people will struggle and fight as they have always struggled and fought, not for the right to exploit, but to rid the world of exploitation; not to subjugate and degrade, but to ennoble and dignify. Under the leadership of men such as you they will willingly lend a hand to all those who aspire to decency and human dignity.

"After all, we have only one life to live. Life is our dearest possession. We must live significantly and courageously. There is no greater purpose, no higher motive, than that of dedicating ourselves to the noblest cause in the world: The liberation of mankind."

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[redacted] subject
was the chairman of the Inauguration Committee [redacted]
[redacted] at Allen University.

Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted]
[redacted] that FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, who resides in
Apartment 10, Richard Allen Apartments, Columbia S. C. has
for neighbors [redacted]

[redacted] Richard Allen Apartments.
Columbia. Informant stated that [redacted]

WIGGINS attended a meeting [redacted]

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further advised on [redacted]

WIGGINS. [redacted]

[redacted] WIGGINS, [redacted] worked late

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b7C [redacted] at Allen University, Columbia. At 10:00 PM,

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b2 Also, according [redacted] on the night of

b7D [redacted] and
WIGGINS.

b7C [redacted], Savannah Confidential Informant
[redacted] advised that [redacted]

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b7D [redacted] The Queens telephone directory for 1954 re-
flected a listing [redacted]

b7C [redacted]

b7C [redacted] in a signed statement stated
that [redacted]

b2 Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on

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b7C The Civil Rights Congress has been designated
by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to
Executive Order 10450.

b2 Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on

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[redacted] University
National Bank, 1354 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois, ad-
vised on [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted on [redacted] at which time he
[redacted] furnished the following information:

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He advised that from [redacted]
[redacted] WIGGINS [redacted]
[redacted] informant stated he could develop no information which
indicated they were making any outside contacts. Also, that

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[redacted] that he had
just recently learned from [redacted]
[redacted] on WIGGINS, as well as

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[redacted] advised that a hearing
is scheduled before the Board of Trustees at Allen University on

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Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted]
[redacted] that Professor F. O. WIGGINS had been retained at Allen
University, Columbia, for the summer session which runs from

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[redacted] advised that a private detective by the name of [redacted] Columbia, S. C. [redacted]

[redacted] This informant believed that [redacted] conducted an investigation relative to WIGGINS. Informant further advised [redacted] that WIGGINS had been requested to resign by [redacted] Allen University as of [redacted] Informant stated that the grapevine at Allen University indicated that WIGGINS [redacted]

[redacted] This information was received [redacted]

[redacted] Allen University, advising them that since they did not reply to the first letter, it was assumed they had resigned. Informant advised that on [redacted] WIGGINS [redacted]

[redacted] Informant advised [redacted]

[redacted] Informant also advised [redacted] employed by Allen University to replace WIGGINS, [redacted]

Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on [redacted] that he had been in contact with FORREST O. WIGGINS, and that WIGGINS advocates the way of life in Russia. Other than this one remark, WIGGINS would not discuss politics with informant [redacted] stated that he is in [redacted] and that he could develop no information reflecting any Communist Party activity in or around Columbia, S. C.

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WIN FIGHT IN SO. CAROLINA TO RETAIN 3 PROFESSORS

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 12—A unanimous vote of the Board of Control and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Allen University, in a special meeting here, crushed a move to oust Dr. Edwin D. Hoffman, chairman of the division of education; Dr. John Cranville Rideout, chairman of the division of humanities; and Dr. Forrest Oran Wiggins, who teaches in the division of humanities. Hoffman and Rideout are white.

Frank Veal, university president, did not dare recommend to the board that the men be dismissed, despite earlier demands and threats. On being asked pointedly by Bishop I. H. Bonner, chancellor of the university, presiding, whether the president's report meant that he was recommending that all faculty members are to be reelected, Veal admitted this was true.

Veal in later interviews with the press insisted that his earlier request for the resignations of these three men means that they now have one year's notice of dismissal, but Bishop Bonner in a statement to the press said that none of the three could be dismissed without the approval of the board.

The daily press had reported on the morning of the meeting that Rideout and Wiggins were both outstanding in the Progressive Party in 1948 and that they had lost high posts at other institutions because of their liberal beliefs.

In addition it was played up that Dr. Rideout had at one time signed a petition calling for a "cease fire in Korea."

All three professors joined in a statement that they enjoy serving at Allen and hope to continue there as long as the board of trustees is pleased with their work.

Allen university, supported by the African Methodist Episcopal church, boasts an enrolment of approximately 1,000 students, and is named for Richard Allen, the first bishop of the church.

True to the spirit and tradition of Richard Allen who left the mother Methodist church because of discrimination against Negroes in the Philadelphia church, Allen university, through its chancellor, president, faculty and students has given indispensable cooperation in the civil rights struggle in South Carolina, particularly in the immediately preceding administration.

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Forrest Oran Wiggins

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)
FROM : SAC, Savannah (100-4211)
SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SM - C

DATE: 8/14/57

Transmitted herewith is report of SA [REDACTED]
Savannah, dated 8/14/57, and memo reflecting reliability of
informants. b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

[REDACTED] b2
[REDACTED] which contained a photograph of FORREST ORAN
WIGGINS. This photo was copied and is being retained in the b7D
files of this office. b7C

This case has been evaluated in the light of the Security
Index criteria, and it is believed this man should not be in-
cluded on this criteria at the present time.

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SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Will maintain contact with informants to determine if WIGGINS is removed from office and leaves Columbia, S. C.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] Savannah, 1/17/55.
Savannah let to Bureau 7/25/57.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia
August 14, 1957

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FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted]
Savannah, dated August 14, 1957.

Confidential Informants [redacted]
mentioned in referenced report, have all furnished reliable
information in the past.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Savannah, Georgia
August 14, 1957

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reference is made to report of [redacted]
[redacted] Savannah, dated August 14, 1957.

Confidential Informants [redacted]
mentioned in referenced report, have all furnished reliable
information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office SAVANNAH	Office of Origin SAVANNAH	Date 10/10/57	Investigative Period 8/27;9/25,28/57
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> b7C	Typed By: rp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis:

Subject, employed as Professor at Allen University, Columbia, S. C., was requested by Allen University to resign effective 6/15/57. Subject refused to submit resignation and Allen University powerless to force subject's resignation in view of contractual obligations with subject which do not expire until end of 1957-58 school year. Allen University being unable to dismiss subject has relieved subject as head of department and all committee assignments and subject's only function now is Professor. On 9/9/57, State Board of Education withdrew teacher certification of Allen University graduates and although specific reason not given, two Board members unofficially stated action taken in order to stimulate the University's action in dismissing subject WIGGINS and two white professors, namely,

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DATE 2/26/04 BY 60250 AUC/BCE ITG/lm6

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DETAILS: AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

I. BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE

Savannah Confidential Informant [] advised on [] that subject WIGGINS still resides in an apartment at 2228 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

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EMPLOYMENT

Savannah [] advised on [] that subject WIGGINS has been employed as a Professor at Allen University, Columbia, S. C. since the Fall of 1954. [] further advised that WIGGINS was requested by [] Allen University to resign effective June 15, 1957, and that WIGGINS had refused to resign. [] went on to say also that since subject WIGGINS had refused to resign as Professor, Allen University, [] Allen University was powerless in view of contractual obligations to dismiss the subject until the end of the 1957-58 school year. [] explained that the subject's contract with Allen University requires the school to furnish the subject with one year's notice prior to dismissal and that this notice has been served on the subject informing him that his services will no longer be required after the end of the 1957-58 school year.

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[] also stated that in view of the fact that Allen University is powerless to remove the subject prior to the end of the 1957-58 school year, [] Allen University had demoted the subject to the extent that he has been removed as the head of his department and all committee assignments and his only function now is as a Professor. [] also stated that Allen University is considering the possibility of attempting to appropriate []

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[] further advised that on [] the State Board of Education for the State of South Carolina met

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b2 in the Governor's Office, at which time they approved the
b7D withdrawal of teacher certification of Allen University graduates.
b7C [redacted] stated that although no specific reason was given at that
time for the action taken by the State Board of Education that
at a meeting of the State Board of Education [redacted]
two of the members (identities unknown) of the Board unofficially
stated the reason for the action of the Board in withdrawing
teacher certification of Allen University graduates was to
stimulate action by the University in dismissing subject WIGGINS
[redacted] from the faculty of Allen
University.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

The Communist Party has been designated by the
Attorney General of the United States pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

b2 Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on
b7D [redacted] that he knew of no recent activity on the
part of subject WIGGINS but stated [redacted]
b7C [redacted] by sub-
ject WIGGINS. [redacted]

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Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on

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The Civil Rights Congress has been designated
by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Execu-
tive Order 10450.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 9/4/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

Attention:

☒ Domestic Intelligence Division

☐ Investigative Division

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Name: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Address: 2228 Taylor Street, Columbia, S. C.

Type of Mail: All types

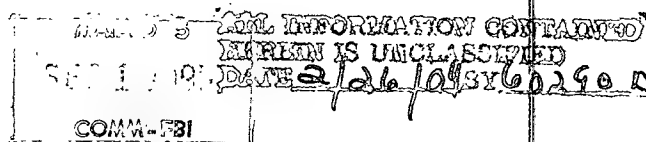
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Period Covered: 30 Days

Purpose of Cover: To develop information as to activities of
subject and his contacts.

Justification: (Comment on necessity, desirability, productivity, possibility of embarrassment to Bureau.
If necessary continue on extra page.)

Mail cover believed necessary and desirable inasmuch as it is believed it will develop additional background information as to contacts and activities of subject. It is believed the mail cover will be productive for the same reason as above stated. There is no known reason to believe that the placing of this mail cover will result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.



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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 10/10/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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12/9 6-1 Savannah re (3) 11-29-57ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 2/15/04 BY 60060 DUC/BCE/TDA/ML

Transmitted herewith is report of SA [REDACTED] b7C
Savannah, dated as above, together with memo reflecting
reliability of informants.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The subject of this case has been evaluated in
the light of the Security Index criteria, and it is believed
this subject should not be included in this criteria at the
present time.

A 30-day mail cover, approved by the Bureau by
communication dated 9/10/57, has been placed with Postmaster
[REDACTED] Columbia, S. C. on 9/25/57. b7C

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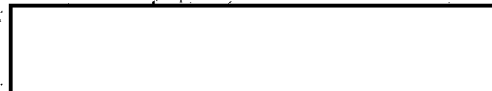
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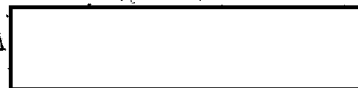
SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Will maintain contact with informants relative to activities of subject, and report results of 30-day mail cover.

REFERENCE

Report of SA
Savannah.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia

October 10, 1957

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FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated 10/10/57, at Savannah.

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Confidential Informants referred to in above
report have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Savannah, Georgia
October 10, 1957

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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Reference is made to report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] dated 10/10/57, at Savannah.

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Confidential Informants referred to in above
report have all furnished reliable information in the past.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office SAVANNAH	Office of Origin SAVANNAH	Date 11/29/57	Investigative Period 11/12, 22, 25/57
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		Report made by <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div>	Typed By: jag
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis:

Subject employed as Professor at Allen University, Columbia, S. C., and has been notified by University his services are not desired after this school year. Informants know of no subversive activity on part of subject.

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DETAILS

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

I. BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE

AGENCY **RAB**
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 DATE FORW. **2/3/58**
 HOW FORW. **SP**
 BY **TC/mbs**

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Savannah Confidential Informant []
advised on [] that subject still resides in
an apartment at 2228 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

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EMPLOYMENT

[] advised
that subject is presently employed as a Professor at the Allen
University, Columbia, South Carolina. [] further
advised that subject in the recent past received an official
notification from the office []
of Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina, advising subject
that when this school year ends, at which time his current
contract expires, his future services will not be desired by
the University. [] advised that in reply to the above
notification, subject wrote [] Allen University
a letter asking [] to set forth the reasons why his
contract will not be renewed in which letter subject indicated
he desired to continue his employment at Allen University. b2
[] said that he understands that rather than become b7D
involved in alleging and perhaps having to subsequently prove
any subversive activities, past or present, on subject's part, b7C
[] has or will indicate other reasons for subject's
dismissal, the exact nature of which informant does not know.
[] said that if subject is refused further employment
after this year subject can appeal to the Board of Control of
the Trustee Board of Allen University, which action subject will
probably take.

Savannah Confidential Informant [] advised
on [] that because of the difficulty in
terminating subject's employment at Allen University, the
officials of the school have recently revised the wording in
their teacher contracts to include a statement which says in
substance that should anything arise with relation to a teacher
which is not in the best interest of the University, the b2
University may, upon the discretion of the Board of Trustees,
either terminate the existing contract or fail to renew the b7D
teacher's contract. [] b7C
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II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[REDACTED]
that he has neither seen nor heard of any activity on subject's part to indicate he is engaged in any subversive movement at the present time.

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[REDACTED] said that he is of the opinion that subject is entirely subdued at the present time, and is primarily concerned with making a living, and is therefore reluctant to either verbally or actively engage in any subversive movement.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 11/29/57

FROM : SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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Transmitted herewith is the report of SA [redacted] Savannah, dated as above, together with memo reflecting reliability of informants. b7C

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The subject of this case has been evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria, and it is believed that subject should not be included in this criteria at the present time.

Information deemed pertinent resulting from the 30-day mail cover placed on subject is being set forth in a separate letter to offices covering addresses in order that they may determine if pertinent to the investigation and so advise the Savannah Office. Any pertinent information derived from this mail cover will be reported at a subsequent time.

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THE SAVANNAH DIVISION:

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Will maintain contact with informants relative to activities of subject.

Will report any pertinent information received from the Pittsburgh Division resulting from a 30-day mail cover placed on subject.

REFERENCE

Savannah report of SA
dated 10/10/57.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Savannah, Georgia
November 29, 1957

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

[Redacted] Reference is made to report of SA
dated 11/29/57, at Savannah.

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Confidential Informants referred
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Savannah, Georgia
November 29, 1957

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Reference is made to report of SA
[redacted] dated 11/29/57, at Savannah.

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TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		Typed By: rp	
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Synopsis:

Subject employed Professor, Allen University, Columbia, S. C., and reportedly his contract will not be renewed after this school year. Subject [redacted] were not requested to terminate their employment at the present time, according to several newspaper articles concerning meeting held by the college officials.

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DETAILS: AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

I. BACKGROUND

RESIDENCE

On December 31, 1957, Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that subject still resides in an apartment at 2228 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

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EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] and Savannah
Confidential Informant [redacted] advised
that subject is still employed as a professor at Allen
University, Columbia, South Carolina.

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[redacted] advised that Allen University officials
were scheduled to hold a meeting [redacted] to consider
possible dismissal of subject [redacted]
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[redacted] advised that he
believes that subject [redacted]
[redacted] will not be employed at Allen University
after this school year.

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According to an article entitled "University Professors Group Is Denied Data on Allen Case," appearing in the January 1, 1958, issue of THE STATE, a Columbia, S. C. daily newspaper, Governor GEORGE BELL TIMMERMAN, JR., of South Carolina, rejected a request for information from the General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors on the South Carolina Board of Education's action withdrawing teacher certification to Allen University graduates. This article states that no reason was given for the Board's action at the meeting which was closed to the public, but that a Board member said the action stemmed from retention by Allen University's Board of Control of three professors which Allen University President FRANK R. VEAL had sought to dismiss. This article states that the three professors are EDWIN HOFFMAN, JOHN G. RIDEOUT, and FORREST O. WIGGINS. According to the article, the names of WIGGINS and RIDEOUT appear in files of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

An article entitled "Professors' Association Leader Alarmed Over Governor's Reply," appearing in the January 3, 1958 issue of THE STATE, dated January 2, 1958, at Washington, D. C., states in substance that Dr. ROBERT K. CARR, General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors, expressed alarm over the reaction of South Carolina Governor TIMMERMAN to the organization's

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request for information concerning the State's withholding of teacher certification for Allen University. According to the article, the Association asked Governor TIMMERMAN for information regarding the grounds on which the South Carolina State Board of Education voted to withhold approval of teacher training at the Columbia, S. C. institution. According to the article, the Governor replied and indicated that in his opinion this was a matter entirely up to the State of South Carolina, and that any organization outside of South Carolina had no authority to question the action of the State Board of Education.

According to this article, CARR said that the three Allen University Professors have been told to resign by January 10 or be fired. This article named the professors mentioned above as JOHN O. RIDEOUT, FORREST O. WIGGINS, and EDWIN HOFFMAN.

According to an article entitled "Veal Given Final Say In Allen Dispute," appearing in the January 11, 1958, issue of THE STATE, President FRANK VEAL, of Allen University, Columbia, S. C., was given authority concerning the dismissal of three unwanted professors by the Executive Board of this college. The article said that the Executive Board, at a meeting held January 10, 1958, first heard recommendations from members of the Board that Dr. VEAL dismiss the three professors but that to the surprise of nearly everyone at the morning meeting, the Allen University President declined to recommend this step at the present time. This article states that this left Dr. VEAL with the full endorsement of the Executive Board to take whatever action he deems necessary in the situation. This article stated that the three professors have been notified by Dr. VEAL that he will recommend their dismissal May 31, 1958, when the present school year terminates.

According to this article, should Dr. VEAL dismiss the three professors, Allen University education courses would be qualified for recertification by the South Carolina Board of Education.

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Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

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[redacted] advised that they have neither seen nor heard of any activity on subject's part to indicate he is engaged in any subversive movement at the present time.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 1/27/58

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

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Enclosed herewith are report of SA [REDACTED] Savannah, dated as above, and letterhead memorandum pertaining thereto.

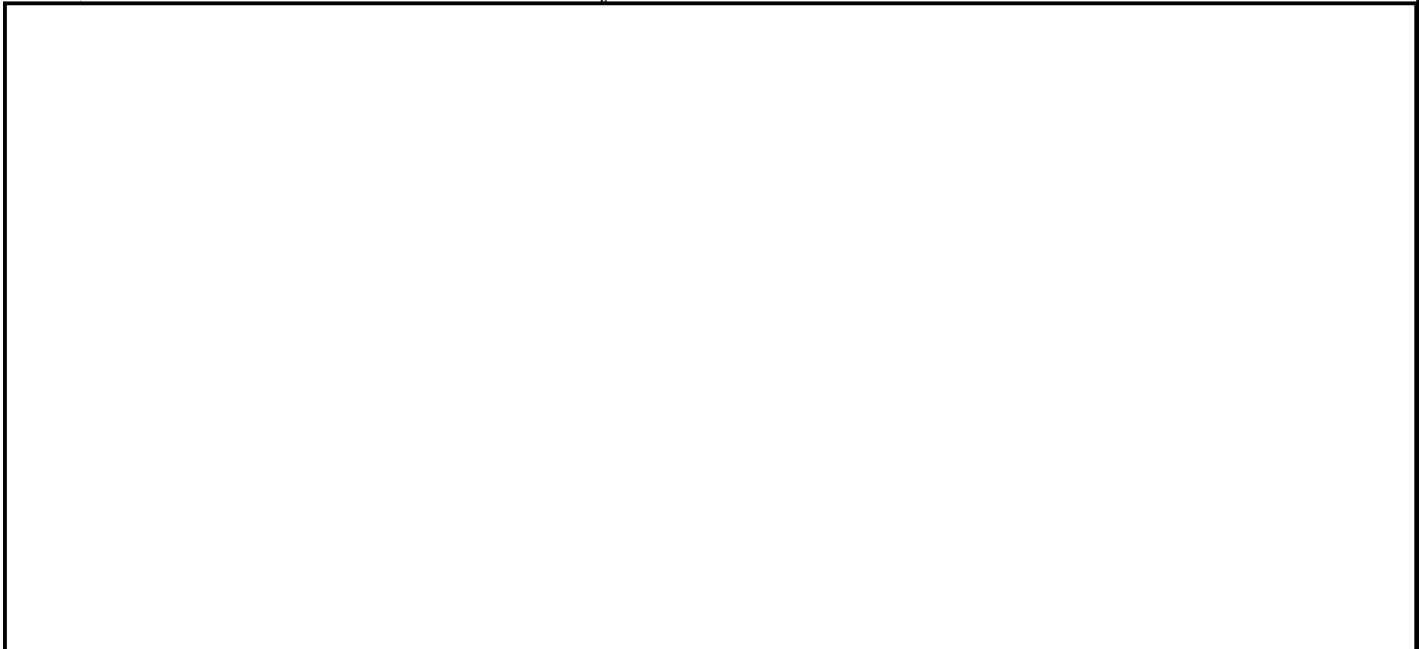
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The subject of this case has been evaluated in light of the Security Index criteria and it is believed subject should not be included in this criteria at the present time.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed in this report and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances in which considered absolutely necessary.



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SAVANNAH DIVISION

AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Will maintain contact with informants relative to subject's activities.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED]
11/29/57.

Savannah, dated

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Savannah, Georgia
January 27, 1958

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Reference is made to report of Special
Agent [redacted] at Savannah, dated January 27,
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All confidential informants referred to
in this report have furnished reliable information in the
past.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Savannah, Georgia
January 27, 1950

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

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Agent [redacted] at Savannah, dated January 27,
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SAC, Savannah (100-4211)

February 5, 1958

Director, FBI (64-25362)

FORREST ORIN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Reurlet and the report of Special Agent [redacted] both dated 1-27-58 at Savannah.

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The subject's name is not included in the Security Index as his activities are not sufficient to meet the present criteria for inclusion.

Unless there are outstanding leads other than that set forth in referenced report, this investigation should be closed. Any information which comes to your attention in the future should be appropriately furnished the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Not Security Index. Security Index card canceled 1955. No information developed subsequent to 1955 which would warrant placing subject's name on Security Index. Subject is male Negro professor, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina, who has been notified by the University his services are not desired after the 1957-58 school year.

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S. C. College Refuses Five Negro Applicants

COLUMBIA, Jan. 16 (AP)—Five Allen University students seeking to file applications for entrance examinations at the all-white University of South Carolina were turned away today.

Three of the five were female students. Application blanks, which the students said they had filled out, were handed Dr. W. C. McCall, director of the examination and counselling bureau, late this afternoon.

The forms were actually placed before him by only three of the students.

McCall told each of them in turn:

"The response is that I cannot accept your application."

After he had repeated this statement three times, the group quietly left, thanking him on the way out.

They took the application blanks with them as they left and declined to say what their next move might be.

Sought Blanks

Yesterday, eleven Allen students came to the university campus seeking the application blanks. They told newsmen McCall refused to hand them out.

One of the students said McCall replied, "according to the orders under which we operate, I cannot examine you and there is no purpose in supplying you with applications."

The Negroes obtained the forms "elsewhere," they told reporters.

Several of the original eleven said they had decided "individually" to seek admission to

USC because the state Board of Education last September withdrew recognition of Allen teacher graduates.

The move would make it impossible for them to teach in public schools in the state.

Reason for Board Action

The board's action was taken because of the presence of three men on the Allen faculty. Names of two of the three, Professors Forest Wiggins and John G. Rideout, appear in files of the House un-American Activities Committee.

Rideout and the third faculty member, Professor Edwin Hoffman, are white.

Allen officials have told all three their contracts will not be renewed May 31. They have refused requests to resign before then with pay.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		Report made by [redacted] b7C	Typed By: rp
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	
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Synopsis:

Subject presently resides at Columbia, S. C. where he is employed as a professor at Allen University. Informants know of no CP activity on part of subject. Information set forth concerning the "American Socialist," a monthly publication to which WIGGINS subscribed in March 1957.

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DETAILS: AT COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINAI. BACKGROUNDRESIDENCE

Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] and Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that subject continues to reside at an apartment at 2228 Taylor Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

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EMPLOYMENT

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[redacted] respectively, advised that subject is b7D
still employed as a professor at Allen University, Columbia,
South Carolina.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY CONNECTIONS

The Communist Party has been designated by the
Attorney General of the United States pursuant
to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] advised they know of no Communist Party activities b7D
on part of subject.

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Informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] b2
[redacted] FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, Allen University, Columbia, b7D
South Carolina, renewed his subscription for one year to "The
American Socialist," a monthly publication, with offices at
857 Broadway, New York 3, New York.

Concerning "the American Socialist," the follow-
ing is to be noted:

The editorial offices of the "American Socialist"
are located in Room 306, 857 Broadway, New York 3, New York.

Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] b2
[redacted] stated that the "American Socialist" is a monthly b7D
publication which was controlled by the Socialist Union of
America (SUA) [redacted] and has been
controlled by the American Socialist Clubs (ASC) [redacted]

The July, 1957, issue of the "American Socialist"
contained the following information concerning the ASC:

The ASC was organized in Chicago, Illinois, on
June 1 and 2, 1957, at a conference sponsored by the "American

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"Socialist." At the conference, the SUA voted to dissolve and participate in the ASC.

The conference adopted a statement of purpose indicating that its objective is the education and organization of new socialist forces in order to prepare the way for the building of a new movement of democratic socialism in the United States and will support the "American Socialist" as a prime source in such education.

Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] [redacted] advised that the SUA was founded by a minority group which broke away from the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) primarily because the minority group believed that the organization should enter the Communist Party (CP) and other left wing groups with the intention of swinging these groups right or left, thereby making a revolution possible in a shorter time. The SUA was formally founded at what was called the Midwest Founding Conference, held November 21, 1953, at Detroit, Michigan.

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The SWP and the CP have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Governor Sees 'Whitewash' Attempt by Benedict Board

Yesterday's report by the Benedict College executive board, concerning alleged communist influences at the college last night was labeled by Governor Timmerman "an obvious attempt to whitewash a bad situation."

The governor in his statement said South Carolina Senate and House journals of a prior year "... show that communist meetings were held among the college student body as far back as 1936."

Governor Timmerman's full statement follows:

"The statement issued today by Benedict College is an obvious attempt to whitewash a bad situation which the college authorities have permitted to develop over a period of years.

"There is ample evidence alone in the files of the House Un-American activities committee, copies of some of which are in the hands of local newspapers.

"It is significant that, while I published the records of three members of the Benedict faculty in an official report to the General Assembly this year, I have not revealed the names of those three faculty members: Yet, three members of the faculty have been identified both by themselves and by the college from the records

that were published.

"The journals of the House and Senate of South Carolina in a prior year also show that communist meetings were held among the college student body as far back as 1936, but sadly no action has been taken by the board."

3-Professors Still There— As Allen Trustees Meet 2A

With all three Allen University professors, who have been asked to resign by the president, still on campus, and listed as having courses of instruction during the second semester the Allen board of trustees met yesterday for "organizational purposes."

Neither Bishop I. H. Bonner of the A.M.E. supported Negro college in Columbia, nor the institution's president, Dr. Frank Veal, thought the matter of the three professors would come up at the meetings yesterday.

Bishop Bonner said the matter of the three professors was in "the hands of the president."

Governor Timmerman had cited the three professors as having an undesirable influence over Negro students at Allen, many of whom are taking education courses in preparation to teach in South Carolina public schools. As a result of this situation the State Board of Education, meeting in executive session last year, withdrew its certification of Allen until further notice, presumably until a time when Dr. Veal could advise the State Board of Education that the three professors had departed

from Allen.

Two of the Allen university professors are cited by the U. S. House Un-American Activities Committee for activities in other states.

Yesterday two of the professors who were on campus said "We don't think the matter came up for discussion at the board meeting today."

The Allen board of trustees had re-appointed all three of the professors in question for the entire 1957-58 academic year. Dr. Veal wanted them to depart before June, in fact wanted them to go much earlier. But apparently, judging by the presence of two of the professors yesterday they are still on campus, and according to listing of courses offered for the present semester all three are still assigned courses of instruction.

Meanwhile at Benedict College, across the street from Allen, where Governor Timmerman has said three communist workers are on the faculty, nothing official has been said of the status of these instructors, one of whom is also listed by the U. S. House Un-American Activities files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 3/12/58

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)

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Bulet to Savannah dated 2/5/58.
New York letter to Savannah, 2/25/58.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The subject of this case has been evaluated in light of
the Security Index criteria, and it is believed subject should
not be included in this criteria at the present time.

As suggested in reBulet 2/5/58, this case is being closed,
however, any information which comes to attention of this office
in the future will be appropriately furnished Bureau.

This report has been classified confidential inasmuch as
it contains information the unauthorized disclosure of which
could adversely affect the national defense.

IDENTITY OF INFORMANTS

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Savannah, Georgia

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent
[redacted] Savannah, dated March 12, 1958.

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Savannah, Georgia

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FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 10/13/58

FROM : SAC SAVANNAH (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Dallas Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Dallas Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address	408 North Bishop Street Marshall, Texas
Business address	Bishop College Marshall, Texas
Check the following applicable statements: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card. <input type="checkbox"/> This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Security Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.) <input type="checkbox"/> This subject is tabbed for Detcom. <input type="checkbox"/> This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary. <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division and a copy has been designated therefor.	
The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter: <input type="checkbox"/> Security Index Cards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials (specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph. <input type="checkbox"/> None available. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously furnished.	

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/22/54 at Savannah
Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/17/55 at Savannah
Report of SA [redacted] Savannah, letterhead memo and cover memo dated 8/11/57
Report of SA [redacted] Savannah, letterhead memo and cover memo dated 10/10/57
Report of SA [redacted] Savannah, letterhead memo and cover memo dated 3/12/58.
Two photos and one negative of subject.

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FORREST WIGGINS

Allen Grads Again Eligible To Teach in State's Schools

Allen University graduates, including those of 1958, are again eligible to teach in South Carolina's schools.

The State Board of Education restored to the Negro co-educational school in Columbia full recognition of the graduates of its department of education at a regular meeting of the Board Friday.

The action, in effect, freed the school officially from charges of Communist taint.

The restoration was as officially unexplained by the board as was its revocation of recognition last September 9.

But in between, Governor Timmerman, ex-officio chairman of the board, publicly accused faculties of both Allen and adjacent Benedict College of harboring individuals with Communist sympathies. And both the Negro colleges have each let three faculty members go.

Timmerman presented his feelings on the matter of the faculties of the two colleges in prepared statements to the recent General Assembly. It responded by creating a Communist committee he asked.

Dismissed by Allen last month were Professors John G. Rideout and Edwin Hoffman, white, and Forrest O. Wiggins, Negro. Names of Wiggins and Rideout appear in records of the U. S. House Un-American Activities Committee.

Benedict failed last month to renew contracts of faculty members Lewis Smith, Mrs. Marian Davis and J. Spencer Kennard, all white.

The State Board of Education unanimously passed this resolution:

"After careful consideration of the recent actions taken by the college administration and the Board of Control of Allen University, the State Board of Education is of the opinion that it will be in the public interest to reinstate approval of Allen University for teacher training and, therefore, the Board does hereby restore approval of Allen University which includes the approval of teacher training for the 1958 graduates of Allen for certification purposes and such extension courses as may have been completed."

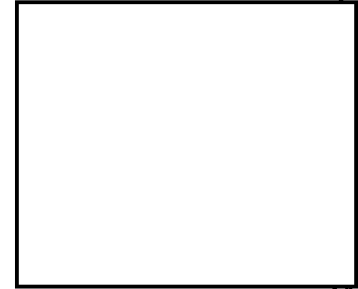
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)

DATE: 10/22/58

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10235)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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Re FD-128, submitted by Savannah, 10/13/58.

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Subject's address and employment was verified on 9/29/58 by SA [redacted] Merchants Commercial Association, Marshall, Texas, that day, advised subject presently is employed by Bishop College, Marshall college, and resides at 408 North Bishop Street, Marshall, Texas. Dallas files reflect no additional information concerning subject.

The Dallas Office has prepared a Communist Index card on subject, which has been included in the Communist Index.

Review of instant file reflects no additional investigation necessary at this time, and this case is considered closed.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-25362)

FROM : *CJ* SAC, DALLAS (100-10235)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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DATE: 10/14/59

Jr The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Jacksonville Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Jacksonville Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence Address: 1738 Kings RoadJacksonville, FloridaBusiness Address: Edward Waters CollegeJacksonville, Florida

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☒ This individual has been the subject of a Communist Index Card.
- ☐ This individual is the subject of a Security Index Card.
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- ☐ This subject was carried as a Key Figure or Top Functionary.
- ☐ Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau.
- ☐ A security flash notice has been placed with the Identification Division.

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new office of origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☐ Security Index Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) Report of SA Minneapolis
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Report of SA [REDACTED], Savannah, 8/14/57.
Letter head memorandum and cover letter, 8/14/57.
Report of SA [REDACTED], Savannah, 10/10/57.
Letter head memorandum and cover letter, 10/10/57.
Report of SA [REDACTED], Savannah, 3/12/58
Letter head memorandum and cover letter, 3/12/58

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DALLAS	Office of Origin JACKSONVILLE	Date 10/14/59	Investigative Period 10/13/59
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		Report made by [Redacted]	Typed By: hdc
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C (COMMUNIST INDEX)	

Synopsis

REFERENCES

Dallas letter to Jacksonville, 8/31/59 (Inter-office).
Jacksonville letter to Dallas, 9/8/59 (Inter-office).

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ADMINISTRATIVE

FD-128 is being submitted designating Jacksonville as office of origin.

Pretext telephone call on 8/12/59 to office of President, Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, was made by SA [Redacted] b7C
No particular pretext utilized, except Agent's identity not revealed.

The anonymous telephone call to [Redacted] on 9/8/59, was by an Agent of the Jacksonville Office.

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Approved <i>[Signature]</i>	Special Agent In Charge	Do not write in spaces below			
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Confidential informants, familiar with some CP activities in the north and east part of Texas, contacted [redacted] are identified as follows:

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Careful consideration has been given to all sources concealed and they were concealed only because of necessity.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

October 14, 1959

Office: DALLAS

File Number:

Dallas file 100-10235

Bureau file 64-25362

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

Character:

Synopsis:

Subject, on 6/1/59, changed his address from Marshall, Texas, to Jacksonville, Florida, in care of Edward Waters College. As of 9/8/59, subject was employed as an instructor in the Social Sciences Department, Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla. He resides at 1738 Kings Road, Jacksonville. Confidential informants, familiar with some CP activities in the north and east parts of Texas, in August, 1959, advised subject is unknown to them.

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DETAILS:

BACKGROUNDResidence and Employment

A Special Agent of the FBI, on August 12, 1959, made a pretext telephone call to the office of the President, Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, WE 4-4130, at which time it was determined subject is no longer employed by Bishop College.

Dallas Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, 408 North Bishop, Marshall, Texas, had as of June 1, 1959, changed his address to Jacksonville, Florida, in care of Edward Waters College.

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The August, 1959, Jacksonville Telephone Directory lists FORREST ORAN WIGGINS as residing at 1738 Kings Road, Jacksonville, Florida, telephone ELgin 4-0986.

An anonymous telephone call to Edward Waters College, on September 8, 1959, determined that FORREST ORAN WIGGINS is employed as an instructor in the Social Sciences Department of the Edward Waters College and has been connected with this institution since June, 1959.

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)
(OR OTHER BASIC REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS AND/OR
FRONT ORGANIZATIONS)

Confidential informants, familiar with some Communist Party (CP) activities in the north and east parts of Texas, in August, 1959, advised subject is unknown to them.

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. DL 100-10235

Dallas, Texas
October 14, 1959

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SECURITY MATTER - C

All informants in the report of SA [redacted] dated October 24, 1959, at Dallas, Texas, have furnished reliable information in the past. b7C

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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DATE 12-6-10 BY 10260 BIL/BCS/TG-Lms

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-255828)

DATE: 12-20-60

FROM : SAC, Jacksonville (100-222)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN BORN NEGRO
CIVIL
OO: JACKSONVILLE

☐ It is recommended that a "Section A" Reserve Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☐ The "Section A" Reserve Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name

FOREIGN BORN NEGRO

Aliases

☐ Native Born

☐ Naturalized

☐ Alien

☒ Communist

☒ Socialist Workers Party

☐ Miscellaneous (specify)

Date of birth

3-12-07

Place of birth

Vincennes, Indiana

Race

Negro

Sex

☒ Male

☐ Female

Business Address (show name of employing concern and address)

UNITED STATES OFFICE

1700 WINGS ROAD

Jacksonville, Florida

Key Facility Data

Geographical Reference Number

Responsibility

Interested Agencies

Residence Address

1700 WINGS ROAD
Jacksonville, Florida

Bureau
Jacksonville
100-222

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 64-25362)

DATE: 1/22/62

FROM : SAC JACKSONVILLE (100-229)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Savannah Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Savannah Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address

3206 Gragg St., Thunderbolt, Ga.

Business address

Savannah State College

Savannah, Ga.

Check the following applicable statements:

- ☐ This individual has been the subject of a Reserve Index Card (Section B).
- ☒ This individual is the subject of a "Section A" Reserve Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Reserve Index at the Seat of Government. The Savannah Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)

The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:

- ☒ Reserve Index Cards
- ☒ Serials (specify) **See Page 2**
- ☒ Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below)
- ☐ Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph.
- ☐ None available.
- ☐ Previously furnished.

Registered Mail

2 CC: Savannah (RM) enclosure(s) 19
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Enclosures:

1. Photograph of subject, FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
2. Dallas letter to Jacksonville, 8/31/59 - Serial 1
3. Report of SA [redacted] 12/23/52, at
Minneapolis - Serial 3
4. Report of SA [redacted] 1/22/54, at
Savannah - Serial 4
5. Report of SA [redacted] 1/17/55, at Savannah -
Serial 5
6. Report of SA [redacted] 8/14/57, at
Savannah - Serial 6
7. Savannah letter to the Bureau, 8/14/57 - Serial 7
8. Evaluation of Informant page by Savannah dated
8/14/57 - Serial 8
9. Evaluation of Informant page by Savannah dated
10/10/57 - Serial 9
10. Report of SA [redacted] 10/10/57, at
Savannah - Serial 10
11. Savannah letter to the Bureau, 10/10/57 - Serial 11
12. Savannah letter to the Bureau, 3/12/58 - Serial 12
13. Evaluation of Informant page by Savannah dated
3/12/58 - Serial 13
14. Report of SA [redacted] 3/12/58, at
Savannah - Serial 14
15. Report of SA [redacted] 10/14/59, at
Dallas - Serial 15
16. Dallas letter to the Bureau, 10/14/59 - Serial 16
17. Dallas letter to Jacksonville, 11/28/59 - Serial 18
18. Jacksonville letter to the Bureau, FD-122A,
12/6/60 - Serial 22
19. Reserve Index Section "A" Card for FORREST ORAN WIGGINS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 4/17/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/27 - 4/16/62
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div> b7C	TYPED BY ecm/ jgd
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE

Jacksonville letter to Bureau, 1/22/62 (FD-128a).

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A pretext telephone call on 2/27/62, to the Administrative Office, Savannah State College, Thunderbolt, Ga., was made by SA No particular pretext was utilized and Agent's identity was not revealed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 3/28/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/27 - 3/6/62
TITLE OF CASE FORREST GRAM WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY ECM
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE

2-7 4/12/62 Jacksonville letter to Bureau, 1/22/62 (FD-128a).

ADMINISTRATIVE

A pretext telephone call on 2/27/62, to the Administrative Office, Savannah State College, Thunderbolt, Ga., was made by SA [REDACTED] No particular pretext was utilized and Agent's identity was not revealed.

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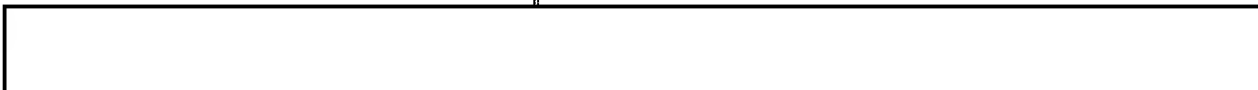


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Sources utilized in characterizations are as follows:



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2. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
3. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
6. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
8. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
9. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
10. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject maintains employment as an instructor in a college.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of:

Date:

[REDACTED] b7C
April 17, 1962

Office: Savannah, Georgia

Field Office File No.: 100-4211

Bureau File No.: 64-25362

Title: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject employed as Instructor in Humanities at Savannah State College and resides at 3206 Gragg Street, Thunderbolt, Ga. Subject listed as a sponsor and as a victim in brochure pertaining to a reception held 2/11/53, under auspices of National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership; subscriber to "The Southern Patriot" in 1958; and subscriber to "The Proletarian News" in 1953. Credit and criminal negative Savannah, Ga.

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DETAILS

AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:

RESIDENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

A Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on February 27, 1952, made a pretext call to the Administrative Office, Savannah State College, Thunderbolt, Georgia, during which it was determined that subject is an instructor in Humanities at Savannah State College and resides at 3206 Gragg Street, Thunderbolt, Georgia. —

CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP)
AND/OR FRONT ORGANIZATIONS

Savannah Confidential Informant [] made available [] a printed brochure entitled "A Special Occasion," which pertained to a reception in honor of Negro leaders under attack to be held on Sunday, January 11, 1953, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the United Mutual Auditorium, 31 Lenox Avenue, New York City. The brochure reflected the reception was to be held under the auspices of the National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership (NCDNL), 1660 Fulton Street, Room 21, Brooklyn, New York. Included in the brochure was a list of sponsors of the NCDNL, as well as a list of names of some of the "victims." In both lists as a "victim" and as a sponsor appeared the name of Dr. FORREST C. WIGGINS.

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A source advised on [] that the NCDNL, also known as the Negro Leadership Commission, had been formed to stop the attacks against the whole Negro people.

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In a printed leaflet []

[] the NCDNL stated that its aims included pressing for amnesty for HENRY WINSTON and associates; stopping prosecution for political teachings and advocacy under the Smith Act; repealing

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other "repressive" legislative acts, especially the severe restrictions of immigration from the West Indies in the McCARRAN-WALTER Act, the anti-labor TAFT-HARTLEY Act, and the "Thought Control" and "Concentration Camp" McCARRAN Act.

This source advised on [redacted] that the NCDNL is highly infiltrated by the Communist Party and has expanded its energies in behalf of Negroes indicted under the Smith Act. b7D

"The Worker," an east coast Communist newspaper, in its issue of April 3, 1955, page thirteen, column two, reflected the NCDNL continues in existence and is located at 1660 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Savannah Confidential Informant [redacted] made available

[redacted] official organ of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF). Included in the list of names was FORREST GRAN WIGGINS, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina. b2 b7D

An amendment to the charter of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare (SCHW), which has been cited by the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front, changed the name of the organization to the SCEF and listed its purposes as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source who is familiar with some phases of the CP activity in the New Orleans, Louisiana, area, advised on [redacted] that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. This source stated that the SCEF is a progressive liberal organization which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the CP on certain issues, particularly on the racial question, and through the years b7D

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certain CP members in the New Orleans area have been assigned to work in the organization to further CP principles.

This source considers [redacted] the [redacted] as a CP member because he follows Communist principles; but he is not under CP discipline. Many prominent people who are officials and members of the organization, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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This same source advised [redacted] that the status of the SCEP remains unchanged.

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[redacted] Savannah Confidential Informant

[redacted] official publication of the Proletarian Party of America. Included in this list of names was FORREST WIGGINS, Route 1, Box 303, Columbia, South Carolina.

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The Proletarian Party of America has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

CREDIT

The records of the Credit Bureau of Savannah, 127 Whitaker Street, which were searched on April 16, 1962, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

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The records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, 24 Drayton Street, which were caused to be searched by [redacted] on April 16, 1962, contained a report dated March 10, 1962 which reflects that the subject is a Professor at Savannah State College with residence at 3206 Gragg Street, Thunderbolt, Georgia.

CRIMINAL

The records of the Identification Division, Savannah Police Department, which were caused to be searched by [redacted] Identification Officer, on April 16, 1962, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. SV 100-4211

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia
March 28, 1962

Title

FORREST GRAY WIGGINS

Character

SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference

Report of Special Agent
[redacted] dated March 28, 1962, at Savannah,
captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:

Date:

March 28, 1962

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Office:

Savannah, Georgia

Field Office File No.:

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Bureau File No.:

64-25362

Title:

FORREST GRAN HIGGINS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject employed as Instructor in Humanities at Savannah State College and resides at 3206 Gragg Street, Thunderbolt, Ga. Subject listed as a sponsor and as a victim in brochure pertaining to a reception held 2/11/53; under auspices of National Committee to Defend Negro Leadership; subscriber to "The Southern Patriot" in 1958; and subscriber to "The Proletarian News" in 1953.

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To

☒ Director (64-25362)

Att.

☐ SAC

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Date 4/17/62

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Title FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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- ☐ Assign.....Reassign.....
- ☐ Bring file
- ☐ Call me
- ☐ Correct
- ☐ Deadline.....
- ☐ Deadline passed
- ☐ Delinquent
- ☐ Discontinue
- ☐ Expedite
- ☐ File
- ☐ For information
- ☒ Initial & return
- ☐ Leads need attention
- ☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

- ☐ Open Case
- ☐ Prepare lead cards
- ☐ Prepare tickler
- ☐ Recharge serials
- ☐ Return assignment card
- ☐ Return file
- ☐ Return serials
- ☐ Search and return
- ☐ See me
- ☐ Send Serials
- to
- ☐ Submit new charge-out
- ☐ Submit report by
- ☐ Type

Re Bureau Routing Slip to SV dated 4/12/62
in captioned matter.

Enclosed herewith are the original and three
copies of amended Pages 1 and 4 and original and
one copy of "A" Cover Page of report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] SV, dated 3/28/62.

☒ See reverse side
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SAC JCE D. JAMIESON

Office SAVANNAH

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Bureau is being furnished amended Cover Page to reflect additional investigative period of 4/16/62 and reflect change in date of report to 4/17/62. Amended Page 1 of report reflects addition to Synopsis and change of date of report. Amended Page 4 reflects additional investigation under Credit and Criminal.

Savannah has no security informants to be contacted.

No administrative action is being taken.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 4/17/62	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/27 - 4/18/62
TITLE OF CASE FOREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY CSM sgd
		CHARACTER OF CASE EM - C	b7C

REFERENCE

Jacksonville letter to Bureau, 1/22/62 (FD-128a).

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ADMINISTRATIVE

A pretext telephone call on 2/27/62, to the Administrative Office, Governor State College, Tallahassee, Ga., was made by SA . No particular pretext was utilized and Agent's identity was not revealed.

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2. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
3. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
6. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
8. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
9. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
10. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject maintains employment as an instructor in a college.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 3/7/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/18-20-63
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY SA b7C	TYPED BY ehr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA
dated 4/17/62, at Savannah.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Savannah Office does not have any confidential informants who would be aware of any subversive activities on the part of the subject.

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Bureau File No.: 64-25362

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject, residing at 3113 Gilbert St., Thunderbolt, Ga., employed as Chairman, Division of Humanities, at SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE, Thunderbolt, Georgia. Credit favorable. Criminal negative.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

The records of the Credit Bureau of Savannah, 137 Whitaker Street, which were searched on February 18, 1963, reflect that the subject resides at 3113 Gilbert Street, Thunderbolt, Georgia.

The Savannah telephone directory, in its issue of December, 1962, reflects that the subject resides at 3113 Gilbert Street, and has been assigned telephone number 354-0815.

EMPLOYMENT

On page 64, in the August, 1960, issue of the "SAVANNAH STATE BULLETIN", published by the Savannah State College, Savannah, Georgia, it is reflected that Doctor FORREST O. WIGGINS is the Chairman of the Division of Humanities.

CREDIT

The records of the Credit Bureau of Savannah, 137 Whitaker Street; and the records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, 24 Drayton Street, which were caused to be searched [redacted] on February 18, 1963, both reflect that the subject is employed as a professor at the Savannah State College, and that he enjoys a favorable credit rating. b7C

CRIMINAL

The files of the Records Division, Savannah Police Department, which were caused to be searched by [redacted] failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject. b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 3/7/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/10-20-63
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY SA b7C	TYPED BY elt
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA **b7C**
dated 4/28/62, at Savannah.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Savannah Office does not have any confidential informants who would be aware of any subversive activities on the part of the subject.

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AGENCY.....			
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1. ☐ Subject's name is being recommended for inclusion in Section ☐ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
3. ☐ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4. ☒ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
6. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
8. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
9. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
10. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **subject maintains employment as an instructor in a college.**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Date:

3/7/63

Field Office File No.:

100-4211

Bureau File No.: 64-25362

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject, residing at 3113 Gilbert St., Thunderbolt, Ga., employed as Chairman, Division of Humanities, at SAVANNAH STATE COLLEGE, Thunderbolt, Georgia. Credit favorable. Criminal negative.

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DETAILS:

RESIDENCE

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EMPLOYMENT

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CREDIT

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CRIMINAL

The files of the Records Division, Savannah Police Department, which were caused to be searched by [redacted] Records Officer, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 5/1/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/23 - 27/64
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE Report of SA [REDACTED] **3/7/64, Savannah.**

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The Savannah Office does not have any confidential sources who would be aware of any subversive activities on the part of the subject.

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT		NOTATIONS	
AGENCY.....	<i>RAO</i>	SUBV. CONTROL	
REQUEST RECD.....			
DATE FWD.....	<i>5/22/64</i>		
HOW FWD.....	<i>AS</i>		
BY.....	<i>W. H. H. H.</i>		

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
7. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) **subject maintains a position whereby he can influence others against national interest in a time of a national emergency.**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Report of:
Date:

SA [REDACTED]
5/1/64

Office: SAVANNAH, GA.

Field Office File No.:

100-4211

Bureau File No.: 64-25362

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ C

Synopsis:

Subject continues residence at 3113 Gilbert St.,
Thunderbolt, Ga., and employment at Savannah State College,
Thunderbolt, Ga., as Chairman, Division of Humanities.
Credit favorable. Criminal records negative.

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DETAILS

RESIDENCE

The Tax Records maintained in the City Clerk's Office, Thunderbolt, Ga., which were reviewed on April 27, 1964, reflect that WIGGINS occupies a residence at 3113 Gilbert St., Thunderbolt, Ga.

EMPLOYMENT

On Page 8 in the April, 1964 General Catalog issue of the "Savannah State Bulletin" published by the Savannah State College, Savannah, Ga., it is reflected that FORREST O. WIGGINS is Chairman of the Division of Humanities at that institution.

CREDIT

The records of the Credit Bureau of Savannah, 137 Whitaker St., and the records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, 24 Drayton St., which were caused to be searched by [redacted] on April 24, 1964, reflect that the subject is employed as a professor at the Savannah State College, resides at 3113 Gilbert St., Thunderbolt, Ga., and that he enjoys a favorable credit rating.

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CRIMINAL

Files of the Records Division, Savannah Police Department, which were caused to be searched on April 27, 1964, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile-

64-25362

DATE: 3/6/63

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (100-4211)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
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Cards Sent 003/20/63
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☐ It is recommended that a "Section A" Reserve Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The "Section A" Reserve Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):

Name			
Aliases			
<input type="checkbox"/> Native Born	<input type="checkbox"/> Naturalized	<input type="checkbox"/> Alien	
<input type="checkbox"/> Communist	<input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers Party		
<input type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous (specify) _____			
Date of birth	Place of birth	Race	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>64-25362</p> <p>NOT RECORDED</p> <p>6 MAR 1963</p> </div>			
Key Facility Data			
Geographical Reference Number		Responsibility	
Interested Agencies			
Residence Address <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>3113 Gilbert Street</p> <p>Thunderbolt, Georgia</p> </div>			

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 3/18/65	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/18-19/65
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY SA b7C	TYPED BY ehr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCES:

Report of SA dated
5/1/64 at Savannah.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

The Savannah Office does not have any confidential sources who would be in a position to be aware of any subversive activities on the part of the subject.

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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DATE FWD.	3/30/65			
HOW FWD.	RAO			
BY				

NOTATIONS

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☐ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☒ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
7. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject maintains a position whereby he can influence others against national interest in a time of national emergency.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Date:

MARCH 18, 1965

Field Office File #:

100-4211

Bureau File #: 64-25362

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues employment at Savannah State College, Thunderbolt, Ga., but resides at 1506 Audubon Drive, Savannah, Ga., after being divorced by his wife. Credit records favorable. Arrest records negative.

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DETAILS:

AT THUNDERBOLT, GEORGIA:

EMPLOYMENT

[redacted] City Hall, Thunderbolt, Georgia, advised on February 18, 1965, that the subject is still employed at Savannah State College, located at Thunderbolt.

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RESIDENCE

The tax records maintained in the City Clerk's Office, which were reviewed on February 18, 1965, by [redacted] reflect that the subject is now residing at 1506 Audubon Drive, Savannah, Georgia, after having been divorced by his wife.

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AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:

CREDIT

The records of the Credit Bureau of Savannah, 137 Whitaker Street, and the records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, 24 Drayton Street, which were caused to be searched by [redacted] on February 19, 1965, reflect that the subject is employed as a professor at Savannah State College, and enjoys a favorable credit rating. The records further reflect that a divorce suit was filed in Superior Court of Chatham County on December 24, 1964, [redacted]

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ARREST RECORDS

Files of the Records Division, Savannah Police Department, which were caused to be searched on February 18, 1965, by LEO B. RYAN, Chief of Police, failed to reflect any information identifiable with the subject.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 3/9/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 2/3/66 - 3/8/66
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY SA b7C	TYPED BY ehr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE:

Report of SA dated ^{b7C}
3/18/65 at Savannah.

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Agency	RAO			
Request Recd.				
Date Fwd.	3-23-66			
How Fwd.	P-5			
By	WTF/pc			

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
7. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject maintains a position whereby he can influence others against national interest in a time of national emergency.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office:

SAVANNAH

Date:

MARCH 9, 1966

Field Office File #: 100-4211

Bureau File #: 64-25362

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis: Subject continues to be employed at Savannah State College, Thunderbolt, Georgia, and to maintain residence at 1506 Audubon Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

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DETAILS:AT THUNDERBOLT, GEORGIA:EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] that FORREST ORAN WIGGINS continues to be employed at Savannah State College as Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Division of Humanities.

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RESIDENCE

[REDACTED] that WIGGINS continues to reside at 1506 Audubon Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

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ACTIVITIES

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[REDACTED] had no knowledge of any activities, [REDACTED] on the part of the subject.

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DATE 3/26/04 BY 60292 AK/BCF/TG/lmb

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia
March 9, 1966.

Title

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character

SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference

Report of SA
Friday, dated March 9, 1966,
at Savannah, captioned as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE SAVANNAH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN SAVANNAH	DATE 3/9/67	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 1/10/67 - 3/8/67
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY SA b7C	TYPED BY ehr
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

REFERENCE:Report of SA at Savannah.

dated 3/9/66

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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*Wm. C. H.*SPECIAL AGENT
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Date Fwd.	3-24-67			
How Fwd.	0-12-70			

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
6. ☐ This report is classified _____ because (state reason)
7. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) subject maintains a position whereby he can influence others against national interest in a time of national emergency.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to:

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: SAVANNAH

Date:

MARCH 9, 1967

Field Office File #:

100-4211

Bureau File #: 64-25362

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject continues employment at Savannah State College, Thunderbolt, Georgia, and continues residence at 1506 Audubon Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

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DETAILS:AT THUNDERBOLT, GEORGIA:

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DATE 2/26/04 BY 60290 RUC/BLK/ITG/MLA

EMPLOYMENT

[REDACTED] that FORREST ORAN WIGGINS continues to be employed at Savannah State College as Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Division of Humanities.

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RESIDENCE

[REDACTED] that WIGGINS continues to reside at 1506 Audubon Drive, Savannah, Georgia.

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AT SAVANNAH, GEORGIA:CREDIT

The records of the Merchants Credit Bureau, 24 Drayton Street, which were caused to be searched by [REDACTED] on January 11, 1967, disclosed that WIGGINS has a credit

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rating described as slow to satisfactory. A report dated November 2, 1966, reflects WIGGINS's date of birth as August 13, 1907, with employment as Professor of English at Savannah State College since 1961. [REDACTED]

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Savannah, 137 Whitaker Street, which were searched on January 11, 1967, contained a report dated October 14, 1964, which reflected that WIGGINS was a defendant in a divorce suit by his wife, [REDACTED] on December 24, 1964.

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ARRESTS

The records of the Records Division, Savannah Police Department, which were searched on January 13, 1967, and the records of the Chatham County Police Department, which were searched on January 12, 1967, failed to disclose any information identifiable with FORREST ORAN WIGGINS.

ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED] that he had no knowledge of any activities, outside of his professional duties, on the part of the subject.

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UNITED STATES

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 64-25362)

FROM : SAC Savannah (100-4211) (RUC)

SUBJECT: FORREST ORAN WIGGINS
SM - C

DATE: 1/9/68

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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security investigation by this office. The Pittsburgh Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The Pittsburgh Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Residence address	
2 West Main Street	
Institute, West Virginia	
Business address	
Head of Philosophy Department, West Virginia State College	
Institute, West Virginia	
Check the following applicable statements:	
<input type="checkbox"/> This individual has been the subject of a Reserve Index Card (Section B).	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This individual is the subject of a "Section A" Reserve Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the Reserve Index at the Seat of Government. The <u>Pittsburgh</u> Division should affix the addresses reflected above and the appropriate case file number.)	
The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reserve Index Cards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials (specify) (See page 2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph. <input type="checkbox"/> None available. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously furnished.	
Security flash posted.	

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 1 - Savannah
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6 Report of SA [] dated 12/23/52 at Minneapolis.

13 Report of SA [] dated 3/3/53 at Savannah.

24 Report of SA [] dated 9/17/53 at Mexico, D. F.

30 Report of SA [] dated 1/22/54 at Savannah.

44 Report of SA [] dated 5/11/54 at Mexico, D. F.

61 Report of SA [] dated 1/17/55 at Savannah.

66 Savannah letter to Bureau dated 5/17/55.

67 Savannah letter to Bureau dated 5/17/55.

69 Service record card

70 New York letter to Albany, 10/31/56

71 Subscription card to "The American Socialist" for subject. (3-16-56)

72 Subscription card to "The American Socialist" for subject (3-23-55)

73 Subscription card to "The American Socialist" for subject. (10-7-54)

74 New York letter to Savannah dated 1/2/57.

78 Memo of SA [] to SAC, Savannah dated 4/26/57.

86 Report of SA [] dated 8/14/57 at Savannah.

87 Savannah letter to Bureau dated 8/14/57.

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92 Report of SA [] dated
10/10/57 at Savannah.

93 Savannah letterhead memorandum dated
10/10/57

94 Savannah letter to Bureau dated 10/10/57.

96 Memo of SA [] to
SAC, Savannah, dated 10/31/57.

99 Report of SA [] dated
11/29/57 at Savannah.

100 Savannah letter to Bureau dated 11/29/57.

102 Report of SA [] dated 1/27/58
at Savannah.

103 Savannah letterhead memorandum dated
1/27/58.

104 Savannah letter to Bureau dated 1/27/58.

107 New York letter to Savannah dated 2/25/58.

108 Report of SA [] dated 3/12/58
at Savannah.

109 Savannah letter to Bureau dated 3/12/58.

110 Savannah letterhead memorandum dated
3/12/58.

111 Newspaper clipping dated 4/29/58 from
"The State", Columbia, S. C., entitled
"Allen Orders Two Teachers to Vacate
Apartments"

120 Report of SA [] dated
10/14/59 at Dallas.

123 FD-122a dated 12/6/60 from Jacksonville
to Bureau.

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125	Report of SA [redacted] dated 4/17/62 at Savannah.
127	Newspaper article dated 11/8/55 entitled "Member of Allen University Faculty Takes Issue with Segregation Article" from "The State", Columbia, S. C.
130	Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/7/63 at Savannah.
135	Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/18/65 at Savannah.
139	Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/9/66 at Savannah.
140	Newspaper article from "Savannah Morning News" dated 3/21/66 entitled "Three Officials of SSC Cited"
141	Newspaper article w/pho of subject dated 10/66 from Savannah State College "Bulletin"
142	Newspaper photo of subject appearing in pamphlet distributed at Savannah State College, General Info Issue
145	Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/9/67 at Savannah.

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REPORTING OFFICE PITTSBURGH	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PITTSBURGH	DATE 2/29/68	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 12/12/67 - 2/26/68
TITLE OF CASE FORREST ORAN WIGGINS		REPORT MADE BY SA b7C	TYPED BY nju
		CHARACTER OF CASE SM - C	

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REFERENCES:

Report of SA dated 3/9/67, at Savannah. b7C
 FD-165 to the Bureau dated 1/9/68.
 FD-128 to the Bureau dated 1/9/68.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED						ACQUIT-TALS		CASE HAS BEEN:	
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES			PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in Section ☒ A or ☐ B of the Reserve Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
Date photograph was taken _____
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____
6. ☒ This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ because _____
(state reason) information attributed to _____
could reasonably result in the identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.
7. ☐ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
9. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because
(state reason) subject maintains a position whereby he can influence others against national interest in a time of national emergency.

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Office:

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Field Office File #: 100-13617 ✓

Bureau File #: 64-25362 ✓

Title:

FORREST ORAN WIGGINS ✓

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

WIGGINS currently employed as Head of Philosophy Department, West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va., where he has been faculty member since September, 1967. WIGGINS resides at 2 West Main Street, Institute, W. Va. ✓ He has satisfactory credit rating with Credit Bureau, Charleston, W. Va. No arrest record located for WIGGINS with West Virginia State Police, Charleston, W. Va. No activities outside professional duties noted for WIGGINS.

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GROUP 1

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declassificationDECLASSIFIED BY 60290 auc/ace/jtc
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DETAILS:

Employment

[redacted] advised that FORREST ORAN WIGGINS has been employed as Head of Philosophy Department, West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va., since September, 1967. WIGGINS was formerly a faculty member at Savannah State College, Savannah, Ga.

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Residence

[redacted] advised that WIGGINS resides at 2 West Main Street, Institute, W. Va.

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Credit

[redacted] Credit Bureau, Charleston, W. Va., which covers Institute, W. Va., advised a file has been maintained since September, 1967, for FORREST ORAN WIGGINS, 2 West Main Street, Institute, W. Va., and he has a satisfactory credit rating. Employment for WIGGINS is listed as Professor, West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va. He was formerly a member of the faculty at Savannah State College, Savannah, Ga., before coming to West Virginia State College.

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Arrests

On February 7, 1968, [redacted] Criminal Identification Bureau, West Virginia State Police, which covers Institute, W. Va., and the State of West Virginia, advised the files of her office contain no information identifiable with FORREST ORAN WIGGINS.

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Activities

[redacted] advised that he had no knowledge of any activities outside of his professional duties, on the part of the subject.

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[redacted] [redacted] advised that he does
now know WIGGINS and he has no information concerning any
activities of WIGGINS.

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[redacted] [redacted] advised he does not
know WIGGINS and he has no information concerning the
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Reference

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[redacted] dated February 29,
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
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Washington, D.C. 20520

June 11, 1968

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

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ATTORNEY:

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DATE OF DEPARTURE:

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION:

PROPOSED LENGTH OF STAY:

COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED:

PURPOSE OF TRIP:

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Forrest Oran WIGGINS

BORN: August 13, 1907

PLACE: Vincennes, Indiana

2 Main Street
Institute, West Virginia

Unknown 64-25362

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